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FEDERAL BUREAU

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PENDING LITIGATION *cc 62-561-260 of*

INVESTIGATION

Bureau File Number **157-1552**

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date July 16, 1964

DOUGLAS ALVIN BYRD, Route 4, Box 16, Palestine Road, was interviewed at his residence and prior to being interviewed he was advised by SA DARIUS L. JENKINS that he did not have to make a statement and that any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law. He was advised of his right to consult an attorney if he so desired.

BYRD advised that he is employed as a salesman for the Greenlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Morgantown Road, Natchez, Mississippi. He said his boss is EDWIN F. MARTIN, Manager of Greenlawn Memorial Park.

BYRD advised that he could not furnish any information concerning the three missing Civil Rights workers in Philadelphia, Mississippi, as the only information he knows about the three is what he had read in the local press.

BYRD advised that he is not a member of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi, nor any other Ku Klux Klan group. He said he does not know any members of the Ku Klux Klan or of their past, present, or future plans.

BYRD advised that about one year ago he joined an organization whose aims were for the peaceful brotherhood of the races through separation and that the organization was known as "Americans for the Preservation of the White Race." BYRD said he attended a few meetings of this organization but had not been to a meeting for sometime. He said he did not know any of the leaders of this organization and could not recall how many members attended these meetings.

BYRD advised that his wife also joined this organization but that she attended only a few meetings and was not been too active in the organization.

In addition to the above, the following descriptive data concerning BYRD was obtained through observation and interview:

Race	White
Sex	Male

On 7/7/64 at Natchez, Mississippi File # NO 157-1340
by SA DARIUS L. JENKINS /jas Date dictated 7/10/64
SA WILLIAM F. ELYNN

Jax-157-63-303
NO 157-1962
NO 157-2413

NO 157-1962; 157-1340/jas

Birth Data

Height
Weight
Hair
Eyes
Marital Status

[REDACTED]
North Louisiana
(Bienville Parish)
5'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
148 pounds
Brown (crew cut)
Blue
Married; wife -
GLADYS, nee SANDERSON, of
Wilkinson County, Mississippi
Three; two boys, one girl
None

Children
Military Service
Social Security #
Education
Selective Service
Board where
registered
Arrests

[REDACTED]
High school completed

Relatives

Liberty, Mississippi
Admits one in Magnolia, Mis-
sissippi, about 13 years ago
for speeding
Brothers - LESLIE BYRD,
3828 Brady Street,
Baton Rouge,
Louisiana;
JERRY BYRD (14),
Route 1,
Liberty, Mississippi;
RONALD BYRD (21),
Street unknown,
Baker, Louisiana;
Mother - VARA BYRD
Father - WILLIAM ALVIN BYRD,
Route 1,
Liberty, Mississippi
Sisters LELIA BYRD (16)
Route 1,
Liberty, Mississippi
Mrs. SHARON TERRAL,
Street unknown,
Baker, Louisiana

NO 157-1962; 157-1340/jas

Former Residences

151 Liberty Road,
Natchez, Mississippi
(1963-64);
Route 1, Box 244,
Woodville, Mississippi
(4½ to 5 years);
Route 4, Box 16,
Natchez, Mississippi
(1958 to 1963)

Former Employment

Paper Mill Company,
Natchez, Mississippi
(1958 to 1963)

Present Employment

Greenlawn Memorial Park,
Morgantown Road,
Natchez, Mississippi,
for past six or seven months
1962 Ford four-door, beige in
color, Mississippi license
1-7998, Adams County

Automobile

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: AD, NEW ORLEANS (157-2413)

DATE: 7/17/64

FROM: WILLIAM F. DUKES

SUBJECT: INVESTIGATION OF KLAN AND VIOLENCE,
STATES OF LOUISIANA AND MISSISSIPPI
RM

AT MISSISSIPPI CITY, MISSISSIPPI

[redacted] advised confidentially (protect identity) on 7/17/64 that he owns a farm located about ten miles north of the Crossroads Community in Pearl River County, Mississippi west of Poplarville. He advised he goes to this farm for the weekend about one weekend out of each month.

[redacted] advised he has heard rumors within the last two or three months that some Crossroads, and possibly Poplarville, Mississippi residents have been attending Ku Klux Klan Meetings, allegedly in the Bogalusa, Louisiana area. [redacted] advised he has no indication that there is an active Klan group organized in Pearl River County yet, but he stated he felt sure that with the increased racial tension in Mississippi, there will ultimately be a group in the county. [redacted] advised that if such a group is formed, he feels that Pearl River County Sheriff J. P. WALKER undoubtedly will be associated with the group.

[redacted] advised he has lived in Pearl River County off and on all his life, and stated he feels certain he can develop more info in this regard. He advised he would attempt to do so and, if successful, will furnish same to SA DUKES on a strictly confidential basis.

RECOMMENDATION: For info and file. Contact will be maintained with [redacted] from time to time and, if he furnishes further info of potential value, ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ consideration will be given to opening him as a Klan Informant.

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SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-2306)

7/16/64

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SA SAMUEL N. JENNINGS

KLAN ACTIVITIES,
LEAKE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
RACIAL MATTERS

The report of Racial Informant [redacted] dated June 26, 1964, reflects contacts with C. L. ADAMS in the Blue Top Motel, Carthage, Mississippi, and with MR. LUTHER CALLAHAN at Carthage, Mississippi. Contacts were made with these individuals to learn of information regarding three missing persons - MICHAEL SCHWERNER, JAMES CHANEY, and ANDREW GOODMAN - who disappeared at Philadelphia, Mississippi, on June 21, 1964. The Informant also attempted to learn information which would assist him in joining the Klan organization in Leake County. Informant was referred to PURVIS CULPEPPER who is in the insurance business at Carthage, Mississippi, as it was indicated CULPEPPER had to pass on new members before they could see the alleged leader at Carthage, RAY HENDERSON, Phillips 66 oil distributor.

LEAD

NEW ORLEANS DIVISION

AT CARTHAGE, MISSISSIPPI

Will attempt to develop background information regarding RAY HENDERSON and PURVIS CULPEPPER since they are apparently leaders of the Klan organization at Leake County, Mississippi.

④ - New Orleans
(2- 157-2306)
(1- 157-1962) - *Jay 157-63*
(1- 157-NEW) (RAY HENDERSON, Leake County, Mississippi)

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Date: 7/24/64

Transmit the following in _____

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Via **Airtel** _____

(Priority)

To: SAC, New Orleans**From: Director, FBI****WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN OF
MISSISSIPPI
RACIAL MATTERS***127-1962 **

ReNOairtel and enclosed letterhead memorandum both dated 6/26/64 concerning "good squads" in the Adams County klavern of captioned organization.

By return airtel advise Bureau present status and any additional information developed concerning these "goon squads." This matter should be closely followed and Bureau kept advised of pertinent developments.

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Sent Via _____ M Per _____

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8 THE NEWS, Bay Springs, Miss., Thursday, July 16, 1964

KLAN RALLY**8 Miles West Of Bay Springs****SATURDAY NIGHT, JULY 18****WHITE PUBLIC INVITED**

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

Page #8
THE NEWS,
Bay Springs, Miss.

Date: 7/16/64

Edition:

Author:

Editor:

Title:

Character:

or

Classification:

Submitting Office: New Orleans

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7/21/64

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1962)

157-63

WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX
KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI

Enclosed are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum in captioned matter which sets forth a list of individuals believed to be members of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM) which was furnished by Mr.

[redacted] New Orleans, Louisiana. [redacted] identified the source of this list of individuals believed to be members of the WKKKKOM as [redacted] of Wesson, Mississippi. [redacted] specifically requested that his identity not be divulged and furnished the information to [redacted] on a highly confidential basis.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] would be available to interview by Agents of the FBI, but does not desire to be contacted at Wesson, Mississippi. [redacted] stated that in the event the FBI desired to interview [redacted] he would make an appointment for interview of [redacted] during one of [redacted] weekly visits to Jackson, Mississippi, at any designated place in Jackson.

Arrangements will be made through [redacted] to interview [redacted] at the earliest possible date regarding the information appearing in attached letterhead memorandum as well as with the view of developing [redacted] as a racial source in the Wesson area.

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4-New Orleans

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(2-157-1784 - WKKKK, Copiah Co.)

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Helgeson

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NOTE

It is pointed out that in connection with the arrangements for interview with [REDACTED] was furnished the name of SA HUNTER E. HELGESON and the Jackson Resident Agency telephone number. [REDACTED] advised that he plans to be in Jackson, Mississippi tentatively on 7/29/64 and will telephonically contact SA HELGESON.

[REDACTED] CALLED HELGESON
ON 7/29/64 BUT SAID
HE WOULD BE BACK
ON 8/4-5/64 + WAS
NOT INTERVIEWED,
HE ~~HEARD~~ CALLED BACK but had
no added info. SNJ

FBI

Date: 7/21/64

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1962)

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*called 7/29/64
will be back to Jax 8/4-5/64
and will call
H&H Helgerson
Cooper*

Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

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5/17/77

(Date)

To: SAC, Albany

From: Director, FBI

MICHAEL MEEROPOL, et al.
v. GRIFFIN B. BELL, et al.
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 75-1121

Reference Butel to all SACs dated 7/30/76
and Buairtel to all SACs dated 8/6/76.

By referenced communications, a list of the subjects in the investigation and trial of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg was furnished each field office. Also furnished each field office was a list of the names on the Government's Witness List relating to the investigation and trial of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg. The list of subjects and individuals appearing on the Government's Witness List will therefore not be repeated in this communication.

For your information captioned FOIA suit has been in litigation for approximately two years. During the course of this litigation, on 8/1/75, the Court issued an Order that no documents maintained by the FBI be destroyed. Due to the file destruction moratorium then in effect, that Court Order was not brought to your attention in 1975. Due to the continuing litigation and current discussion regarding reinstitution of a file destruction program in the near future, you are hereby being advised of the Order of the Court in this matter. Accordingly, no files maintained in your office (origin or auxiliary office) relating to any of the main subjects or individuals appearing on the Government's Witness List should be destroyed. These files must

2 - Each Field Office

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be maintained until further notice.

To insure that no files are destroyed concerning this Court Order, you should immediately prepare a search slip on all of the names mentioned in all of the referenced communications (including all serial references) and place a copy of this communication as the top serial in each of the applicable files. A stamp should be placed on this serial to read "THIS FILE IS NOT TO BE DESTROYED UNLESS ADVISED BY THE BUREAU KEEP AS TOP SERIAL."

New Orleans, Louisiana
July 21, 1964

WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU
KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI

[redacted] New Orleans, Louisiana, furnished on July 21, 1964, the following list of individuals furnished to him by a confidential source who does not desire his identity disclosed. This list, according to [redacted] is his source's list of individuals believed to be members of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM). According to [redacted] his source does not have any specific information identifying these individuals as Klansmen, but the list is based on the source's knowledge of the individuals whose names appear thereon over a number of years plus the actions of these individuals.

Lee Earls

Local Constable, about 50 years of age.

Randolph Earls

Son of Lee Earls, not employed, in his 20's.

Lee Granberry

Justice of the Peace, about 40 years of age.

William Turnbo

Operates Turnbo's Saw Mill, middle 40's.

S. L. Brown

Self-employed carpenter, about 60.

La. E. Brown

Retired farmer, relatively affluent, cousin of S. L. Brown.

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WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX
KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI

Rufus Middleton

Former Mayor of Wesson, retired,
late 60's.

Wilmer Newman

Unemployed. Supported by wife
who is employed in a local plant.
Plant unidentified. About 45.

Jasper Burgess, Jr.

Not employed. Approximately
18 years old.

J. C. Burgess, Sr.

Has oil leases. A business
interest in junk yard. Cattle
farmer, lumber mill interests
and involved in road construction.
Father of Jasper.

S. L. "Buddy" Beall

Farmer, affluent as a result
of inheritance.

Jimmie M. Smith

Cattle farmer. Lives close to
Wesson Lake. About 45.

Lester Furr

Part owner of local drug store.
About middle 40's.

Kenneth Furr

Operates local Gulf Station.
In middle 30's.

Willie Ward Decelle

Produce grader for U. S. Govern-
ment, Department of Agriculture.
In his 50's.

Ears Magee

Mail rider for U. S. Post
Office Department.

Albert Ray Peets

Mail rider for U. S. Post
Office Department. About
35 or 40.

**WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX
KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI**

Ralph Smith

Manager of the Coop Feed Mill.
About 45.

Marvil Braswell

Seldom employed oil rigger.
Allegedly recognized at a
cross burning on Negro lawn
last year. In his 30's.

Joe Rice

Occupation uncertain. In his
20's.

J. T. Dickerson

Laborer for the Mississippi State
Highway Department. In his 50's.

Boyce Cannon

Lives in Wesson. Operates a
Phillips 66 Service Station in
Brookhaven near the old hospital.
Middle 50's.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 7/21/64

JOHN JEFFERSON ANDREWS, Route 4, Box 319, was advised by SA DARIUS L. JENKINS, prior to being interviewed, that he did not have to make a statement, and that any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law. He was advised of his right to consult an attorney prior to making a statement.

ANDREWS advised that he is employed by Bluff City Motors, Natchez, Mississippi, as service manager.

ANDREWS advised that he has heard nothing concerning the three Civil Rights workers missing in Philadelphia, Mississippi, other than what he has read in the newspaper.

ANDREWS advised that he is not and has never been a member of the Ku Klux Klan. He said he knows of no Klan members and has no knowledge of present or past Klan activities.

In addition to the above, the following descriptive data concerning ANDREWS was obtained at the time of interview:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	March 18, 1912
Place of Birth	Adams County, Mississippi
Height	5'10"
Weight	185 pounds
Hair	Dark brown
Marital Status	Married, wife - OLA B. ANDREWS, two children
Arrests	Admits none
Military Service	None, served in CCC 14 months, 1934
Home telephone	2-1003
Automobiles	1955 two-tone two-door green Ford, Mississippi License 1-5730, Adams County; 1963 red Ford Falcon station wagon with white top, Mississippi License 1B1906, Adams County.

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On 7/5/64 at Natchez, Mississippi File # NO ~~157-1962~~
by SA DARIUS L. JENKINS AND
SA WILLIAM F. FLYNN: mam Date dictated 7/9/64

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC(157-

DATE: 7/17/64

FROM : SA SAMUEL E. VIRDEN, II

SUBJECT: WKKKK ✓
RM

157-2299-7

Re phone call from Supvr ALKER 10:45AM this date.

On 7/17/64 at 10:50AM I advised Asst Chief of Police that a confidential source known to be reliable had said that the KKK suspects that a Jackson policeman is an informant on KKKK activities and that they planned to do something about it. He was told that while the source is reliable, the information is not subject to verification and may be a plant. PIERCE said he was aware of this general situation and that he appreciated the information.

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If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent: Dictated <u>7/13/64</u> to <u>cay</u> Transcribed <u>7/17/64</u> Authenticated by Informant _____		Date of Report 7/2/64 Date(s) of activity 7/2/64
Brief description of activity or material Info re ERNEST HENRY AVANTS and HENRY MOORE		File where original is located if not attached <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 20px;"></div>

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advised that ERNEST PARKER told him that E. H. AVANTS got drunk the early morning hours of 7/2/64, and together with HENRY MOORE, a cook at the Bar-B-Que, operated by TINY LEWIS, went to the Klan Headquarters on the Morgantown Road, Natchez, Mississippi, and shot the lock off of the gate and the door to the headquarters of the Ku Klux Klan. Upon hearing these shots, Mrs. SIDNEY HANEY, SR., on whose property the Klan Headquarters are located, began shooting at AVANTS and MOORE.

stated that PARKER told him that all material and property of the Klan was being removed from the Klan Headquarters as Sheriff ODELL ANDERS, Adams County, Mississippi, had promised PARKER that he would conduct an investigation personally of this incident.

stated PARKER advised him that the Klan was locking out the Cloverhill and Sligo groups from Klan headquarters because these two groups were not paying their dues on the building fund.

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[redacted] stated PARKER advised him he had been to a province meeting on the night of 6/25/64, at which time the Countys of Jefferson, Adams, Franklin, and Wilkinson were represented. The location of the province meeting was not furnished by PARKER.

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If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent: Date _____ Dictated _____ to _____ Transcribed 7/6/64 Authenticated by Informant _____		Date of Report 6/27/64 Date(s) of activity 6 7/27/64 through 7/2/64
Brief description of activity or material Informant contacted persons at Carthage, Miss., relative to joining Klan organization and was told it would take a little time to find out if he could be a member. Informant later went to Carthage attempting to locate person allegedly trying to hire someone to pull a "big deal".		File where original is located if not attached

Remarks:

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157-2201 (APUS), Carthage, Miss.
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157-Klan Activity, Neshoba Co., Miss.
✓ 157-1962 (White Knights of the KKK of Miss.)
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Sat. June 27-64
Carthage Miss.

Sat. evening I talked with FURVIS GULPEPPER at Carthage as I had been instructed to do. He told me that to join the organization I must see RAY HENDERSON. Sat mite about 1 o'clock I finally got to see him. I told _____ I didn't know what I should do or who to see but that I did want to join. He told me that before I could obtain membership there would have to be a meeting. I was not invited directly but more indirectly. He asked me "Are you still intrested in making money?" I said "I don't know about the still but I'm always intrested in money." then I asked him what it was. He said he couldn't tell me because he didn't know yet. I told him I would rather be part of the organization and then I wouldn't have to be paid in money. He said it would take a little time to find out if I could be a member but if so I would be notified.

I talked to C. A. ADAMS at Carthage Sun Eve. He told me that the word was that no more meetings would be held until things quieted down except for three or four selected whom he didn't seem to know also that all records and that ever papers that they have had be put under heavy lock & key.

Again he didn't seem to know where.

I went to Jackson Sun. nite and heard, (from character people) that a big deal was up for sale at a high price. In Jackson there had been no takers but the salesman had gone to the Gulf Coast. I decided to place myself in his path if possible so I located a little work, so as to have legit excuse for going and went down there Mon. morning early.

I circulated the coast Mon Tue & Wed nites, making it known to the proper people that if anything of that sort was available I was for hire.

Thur. nite I talked to ACE CARIO (11:30) he told me a man had been looking for me earlier but as I was working I'd probably be contacted later.

Nobody on the coast seemed to know who this man was but some had seen him. He was known as JAMES CARTER though it sounds phency to me. I don't know for sure who he is. I don't know when or where but I feel he will find me.



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If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent:

Date of Report

6/26/64

Date(s) of activity

6/22-25/64

Date

Dictated _____ to **(M.J. Hanna - FD-306)**

Transcribed _____

Authenticated
by Informant _____

Brief description of activity or material

Contacts with acquaintances in Leake County, Miss., attempting to develop information on three missing persons in Neshoba County, Miss.

File where original is located if not attached

Remarks:

ccs: 1 each

157-1962 (White Knights of the KKK of Miss.) (**157-63**)
44-2227 (MIBURN)
157-2306 (Klan Activity, Leake County, Miss.)
157- (Klan Activity, Neshoba County, Miss.)
157-new (E. G. "HOP" BARNETT, Neshoba County)
157-new (RAY HENDERSON, Leake County, Miss.)

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Fri., June 26
Carthage, Miss.

On June 22, 1964, I talked to C. I. Adams at the Blue Top Motel (Carthage). We had talked about the three people disappearing, as everyone was. Him being well known over Leake County had talked to a lot of people in town but in my opinion had not directly heard or didn't know for sure what had actually happened. We started talking about the Klan and whether or not that's what had happened. He said, "I'll tell you what, they have got a furnace up there." I think that over the years, all of his life has been in Leake Co., 48 years, he has heard about this furnace, just from the way he said it.

I talked to another man June 25, 1964, Mr. Luther Callahan, who is in Leake Memorial Hospital and has been for some time.

He lives at Carthage and most likely knows everyone in the whole county (66 years old). I just talked to him like you talk to old people and let the conversation lead to the three people. I asked, "Do you reckon they even made to the sawmill?" indicating did the three get there alive. I hadn't said anything about the furnace,

he said, "no I don't expect they did and if they did they lasted about 3 min. each - unless they chugged all three at the same time they they all only lasted about 3 min."

This man is and has always been very truthful and honest with me and holds me in his confidence. Again, I don't believe that he had direct contact or any such like to anyone who might be connected with this. Old and well thought of people just have a way of knowing or finding out things such as this and is generally considered substantial. Mr. Callahan did not give any names nor did he say anything about the Klan being responsible, or not.

I then turned the conversation to the Klan and asked him about helping me join or sending me to someone who could help. In his own way he indicated to me that to get in I had to go to Ray Henderson, but that I couldn't go directly to him. I asked if I could go to C. L. Adams, he said no. Later he told me I could talk to Purvis Culpepper, Carthage, meaning that I could trust him and he could probably help me, I assume he (Culpepper) is the membership chairman or equivalent or at least in a member. I plan to talk with him very soon.

With my information and my knowledge of Leake and Neshoba Co. I believe that the search concentration should be on a big sawmill or kiln where lumber is dried by heat furnished from a furnace, to me the biggest furnace would be the most likely place.

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To: SAC, New Orleans

From: Director, FBI

WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE
 KU KLUX KLAN OF
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Re New Orleans airtel dated 7/10/64 and Form O-1 dated 7/8/64, both captioned, "Racial Situation, State of Mississippi, RM."

Both referenced communications referred to Burad dated 6/24/64 captioned, "White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi, RM." This Burad requested further information concerning the trial of FNU McKinney, Head, Sligo Group, White Knights of Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi. Also Bureau should be advised of purpose of trial and pertinent developments.

Original information concerning trial was contained in New Orleans teletype 6/24/64 captioned, "Racial Situation, State of Mississippi, RM."

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1552)
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1962)
SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU
KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI
RM

Re Butel, 7/1/64, re plans of captioned organization to send two members of each klavern to areas of demonstrations to assist regular law enforcement officers.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum which is self-explanatory.

Informants have been instructed to follow this matter closely and to immediately furnish any information indicating that members of the klaverns have actually been recruited and sent to any areas in Mississippi.

Any pertinent information subsequently received will be immediately furnished to the Bureau.

Sources mentioned in the enclosed letterhead memorandum are [redacted] (Prob).

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Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation are in constant contact with confidential sources who have furnished reliable information in the past regarding the alleged plan of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi to send members of each klavern to areas in Mississippi where demonstrations may occur in order to assist regular law enforcement officers.

No information has been received from these sources indicating that any klan members have actually been recruited and sent to any areas in Mississippi.

A characterization of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan is attached.

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APPENDIX

WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI

A source advised that on February 15, 1964, approximately 200 members of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK) from the State of Mississippi, met at Brookhaven, Mississippi. Those present decided to defect from the OKKKK and to form their own klan group in Mississippi to be known as the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi.

This source advised that the aims and purposes of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi are to preserve Christian civilization, protect and promote white supremacy and the segregation of the races, to fight communism and to extend the dignity, heritage and rights of the white race of America.

APPENDIX

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-37) ⁶³ (P)

DATE: 7/15/64

FROM : SA JOHN H. PROCTOR, JR.

SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN OF
MISSISSIPPI
RACIAL MATTER

On 7/15/64, Mr. THOMAS STEPHENSON, Manager, Credit Bureau of Meridian, Incorporated, Meridian, Mississippi, advised that his records contained the following information concerning GEORGE H. BIRDSONG, aka Billy Birdsong. STEPHENSON stated that BIRDSONG has been known to the files since 1938 and his last address is listed as VALLEY Motel, Tom Bailey Drive, Meridian. He said that BIRDSONG's credit was last checked by his organization during 1955 and that he last received an inquiry regarding BIRDSONG in September, 1959.

STEPHENSON said that in 1955 BIRDSONG was employed by the National Home Installation Company, Mobile, Alabama, and in 1958 was employed by State Builders Corporation, 1554 Kellogg Street, Mobile, Alabama. He said that BIRDSONG was divorced from Mrs. GOLDIE W. BIRDSONG, 1911 24th Street, Meridian, during 1952. He stated that Mrs. BIRDSONG's address at the time of their divorce was listed as the GRAHAM Tourist Court, Meridian.

STEPHENSON stated that in 1959 BIRDSONG resided at 111 South Dearborn Street, Mobile; however, his files do not reflect BIRDSONG's employment as of that date.

STEPHENSON stated that BIRDSONG's credit ranges from satisfactory to unsatisfactory and that two accounts had been turned over for collection.

STEPHENSON advised his records reflect a file for Mrs. ARTHENIS E. BIRDSONG and Mr. W. R. BIRDSONG who have been known to the files since 1928. He said that W. R. BIRDSONG died in 1955 and that the last address known for Mrs. BIRDSONG was 419 56th Avenue, Meridian.

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STEPHENSON stated that Mrs. ARTHENIS E. BIRDSONG, mother of GEORGE H. BIRDSONG, was listed as the operator of the GRAHAM Tourist Court, Meridian, and that his father was a retired city fireman. STEPHENSON stated that the current rating for Mr. and Mrs. BIRDSONG ranged from satisfactory to unsatisfactory. He added that this file was last checked in October, 1960, at which time Mrs. BIRDSONG's employment was listed as Assistant Housekeeper, Holiday Inn, Meridian.

STEPHENSON stated that his records contained a file for Mrs. GOLDIE W. BIRDSONG, 1911 24th Street, Meridian, ex-wife of GEORGE H. BIRDSONG. He stated that her employment listed as employer, MERLE NORMAN Cosmetics, 618 22nd Avenue, Meridian. He said that this file also contained the addresses 634 Meadowview Drive, Jackson, Mississippi, and the Valley Motel.

STEPHENSON advised that credit rating for Mrs. BIRDSONG is listed as unsatisfactory and that this file was last checked on 1/31/64.

Mr. STEPHENSON advised that his files failed to reflect the name of BIRDSONG's present wife.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC. (157-0)

FROM : SA CLAUDE L. SCHLAGER

SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN

DATE: 7/14/64

At 9:20 AM, this date, MARY BLOCK, 709 Orion, Apt. A, ph. 834-9704, Metairie, La., advised that she is an employee of the Tenneco Oil Co. She stated that this company has a Community Services Program wherein when a customer purchases 50 gallons of gas the Tenneco Oil Co. donates 50 cents to whatever organization the customer designates.

She advised that an individual whom she identified as, ~~John~~ John Prat, 34 Rail St. New Orleans, La., had designated the organization he wished to have his contribution sent to as, "the K K K in Mississippi".

MARY BLOCK, advised that she was furnishing this information to the FBI as she thought they might have an interest in the matter.

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If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent: Date Dictated 7/13/64 to CAF Transcribed 7/17/64 Authenticated by Informant _____		Date of Report 7/10/64 Date(s) of activity 7/7/64, 7/8/64, and 7/10/64
Brief description of activity or material Info re revolt Adams County Group; meeting between representatives Adams County Group and Pike County group; organization new group; activity Adams County Group resulting from interview Klan members by Buagents.		File where original is located if not attached

Remarks:

On 7/10/64, [redacted] stated he had been advised that while he was on vacation, a meeting had been held by the Adams County Group on June 29, at which time, 25 members voted to get out of the UKA and join the United Klan of America. Reportedly DOUGLAS BYRD was the only member present who was opposed to this revolt.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] DOUGLAS A. BYRD advised him that he, BYRD, was the individual who put out the pamphlets on the Gulf Coast of Mississippi approximately one week ago, 7/3/64, urging people to let law enforcement officers handle the "Freedom Workers."

[redacted] stated DOUGLAS A. BYRD and JOHN TYLER and a third individual, name unknown, were in McComb, Mississippi, the night of 7/8/64, supposedly to discuss the merger of the Adams County Group with the United Klan of America. The individual whom the Adams County representatives contacted in McComb drives a Cadillac (apparently individual driving the Cadillac is EMERY THOMAS).

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[] advised that he had confirmed that DOUGLAS A. BYRD, EDDY MC DANIEL, and JACK SEALE were distributing literature between 12 midnight and 1:00 AM the early morning hours of 7/7/64, at Natchez, Mississippi.

[] states an individual by the name of WHITE who runs a Texaco station on U. S. 61, South, below Natchez, Mississippi, located across the highway from the Stahlman Lumber Co., is organizing a new Klavern in Adams County.

[] stated that Sligo, Cloverhill, and the new (WHITE) groups are all still holding meetings. [] stated the Cloverhill and new(WHITE) Group may still use the headquarters on the Morgantown Road. He stated the Sligo Group is still meeting in the woods around the Kingston Unit.

[] stated that Adams County Group is meeting only by special call and that they meet by squads at places which are named by the individual who calls the meeting of the individual squads. [] pointed out that as a result of BuAgents interviewing members of the Adams County Group, that they have temporarily discontinued meetings of the entire group and have started to meet by squads.

[] stated there has been considerable activity at the Mug Co. of ERNEST FINDLEY located on Broadway, Natchez, Mississippi.

[] stated no definite decision has as yet been reached regarding the move of the Adams County Group to the United Klans of America.

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REPORTING OFFICE MEMPHIS	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MEMPHIS	DATE 7/13/64	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 1/20/64 - 6/21/64
TITLE OF CASE CHANGED WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI, NORTHERN JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI		REPORT MADE BY SA JOSEPH H. KEARNEY, JR.	TYPED BY WP
		CHARACTER OF CASE RM	

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Title is marked changed as the previous title reflected only Klan activity at Greenville, Mississippi. The title as reflected above has been broadened to include all activity of captioned organization in the Northern Judicial District of Mississippi.

REFERENCES

Report of SA V. WALSER PROSPERE dated 1/22/64 at Memphis captioned "KU KLUX KLAN, GREENVILLE, MISSISSIPPI."

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INFORMANTS

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ARNOLD SIMPSON, Sheriff,
Chickasaw County, Houston, Mississippi

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[REDACTED] a source of the
New Orleans Office

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Chief W. C. BURNLEY,
 Greenville, Mississippi,
 Police Department
 (Chief of Police BURNLEY is
 obtaining information from

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[REDACTED] who
 is in the Klan at Greenville.
 Chief of Police BURNLEY advised
 that he would furnish to the
 Greenville RA all information
 that he obtained from [REDACTED].)

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J. E. STRONG, Assistant
Chief Administrative Director,
Regional Veterans Administration
Office, Jackson, Mississippi

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[REDACTED]
Mississippi Mutual Credit
Association, Greenville,
Mississippi (Identity protected
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Report of: SA JOSEPH H. KEARNEY, JR. Office: Memphis
Date: 7/13/64

File Number: ME 157-329 Bureau File No.: 157-219

Title: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
OF MISSISSIPPI, NORTHERN JUDICIAL
DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI

Character: RACIAL MATTERS

Synopsis: Investigation to date reflects activity of WKKKK of Mississippi in Northern Judicial District of Mississippi, is limited primarily to Washington, Leflore and Chickasaw Counties. Allegations have been received that there is some Klan activity in Bolivar County. Plans of Klan at Greenwood to expand into Coahoma, Quitman, Tunica and Panola Counties are not known to have been successful. In April 1964 crosses burned in Montgomery County and in June 1964 hooded men who claimed to be in some "Klan" attempted to abduct white man in Montgomery County for mistreating wife and family. Captioned Klan appears to be only Klan group active in this area.

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DETAILS:

This report reflects the current status of all Ku Klux Klan activity in the Northern Judicial District of Mississippi. All of this activity relates to the "White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi."

Characterization of the above organization is set out in the Appendix to this report.

All information herein is being reported by counties.

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BOLIVAR COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

On April 13, 1964, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Yazoo City, Mississippi, advised SA SAMUEL N. JENNINGS that he had been checking on Klan activities of various individuals in Yazoo City, Mississippi, and had learned through contacts with these individuals that Klan meetings are now being held at Cleveland, Mississippi, and that these meetings are attended by various individuals from Yazoo City, Mississippi. [REDACTED] advised that the last meeting was held at Cleveland, Mississippi, on Friday night, April 10, 1964. [REDACTED] advised that Sheriff CAPPS of Bolivar County was opposed to the Klan organization and could be counted on to lend the support of the Sheriff's Office in efforts to uncover any Klan activities or break up the organization at Cleveland, Mississippi. [REDACTED] advised that as of this date he could furnish no further information regarding the Klan in Bolivar County.

On June 23, 1964, SA V. WALSER PROSPERE was advised by Sheriff CHARLIE CAPPS, JR., at Cleveland, Mississippi, that there was a small Klan group in Bolivar County, that he was "in touch" with the head of it, and that it would be no problem. Sheriff CAPPS, however, refused to identify the head of the Klan in Bolivar County.

CHICKASAW COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

On January 20, 1964, Memphis confidential informant T-1 advised that a resident of Chickasaw County, Mississippi, had given him a pamphlet captioned "The Peoples Voice" (Second Edition), addressed to the "Citizens of the State of Mississippi, and the South." This source advised that this pamphlet purported to have been issued by the "Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan." This source stated that he had been advised by this resident that fifty-two counties in the state of Mississippi have organized Klaverns of some branch of the Ku Klux Klan.

ME T-1 also advised that EVERETT WIGGS, grocery store and service station operator, Woodland, Mississippi, had organized a Klavern of the Klan at Woodland. He stated that WIGGS had obtained keys to the school at Woodland, Mississippi, and that the first meeting of the Klavern was held at the public school. Later when WIGGS attempted to hold another meeting of the Klan in the school, the school officials refused to give WIGGS the keys.

JAMES PAUL VAN GILDER, Woodland Trailer Court, 8008 West Davis Street, Dallas, Texas, was interviewed by SA's RICHARD L. WIEHL and EDWIN D. KUYKENDALL in the Dallas FBI Office on January 22, 1964. VAN GILDER stated that for seven years he was self-employed as a crop duster at Mantee, Mississippi, and in that vicinity. He stated that he had moved to Dallas, Texas, in January 1964. While at Mantee, he purchased most of his gasoline for his airplane from EVERETT WIGGS, a store operator in the small town of Woodland. About August 1963 WIGGS asked him if he was interested in being affiliated with an organization for the benefit of the community. He stated that he told WIGGS that he would be interested in doing anything that would be beneficial to the community and that WIGGS then gave him a one-page leaflet entitled "Fifty Reasons Why You Should Be a Member of the Original Ku Klux Klan, R. E. Davis, Sr., Emperial Wizard." VAN GILDER stated that he had nothing to do with this organization until he attended one meeting at the invitation of EVERETT WIGGS, which was held on a Sunday afternoon, December 15, 1963, at about 2:00 p.m., at a small gymnasium next to the public grade school at Woodland. He stated that the gymnasium had been rented for what was supposed to be

a gun club meeting and that there were about eighteen persons present at the meeting. He noted that there was a young male present who claimed to be from the southern part of Mississippi, who said, "The Klan" had saved the South twice and disbanded in the 1930's but it looked like it needed to reorganize and clean up the South again. VAN GILDER stated that he did not recall the name of this young male but that this individual claimed that there was nothing illegal about the Klan, that it was a Christian operation, that it would exhaust every means to accomplish its ends without any violence, but that if violence became necessary, this could be handled by the organization by having its representatives from another county to handle any desired action. VAN GILDER stated that this individual claimed that it would be necessary for the local group to have fifty members before it could become a chartered organization and that the organization needed enough men as members to insure that nine out of ten jurors in the county would be Klansmen. He identified R. E. DAVIS, SR., as the Imperial Wizard of the organization but did not identify DAVIS or state his address or whereabouts. This individual stated that a fee of \$10 would be necessary for membership initiation, after which dues would amount to not more than \$3 per month.

VAN GILDER stated that at the time in the meeting when this speaker asked for those present to indicate whether they desired to join, that he left the meeting. He stated that he was accompanied out of the building by a (FNU) WIGGS, the father of EVERETT WIGGS, and by C. W. WIGGS, both of Woodland, Mississippi. VAN GILDER pointed out that (FNU) WIGGS, after leaving the meeting with him, went no further than his truck and remained there while he, VAN GILDER, drove away. Individuals identified by VAN GILDER as being present at that meeting were EVERETT WIGGS, C. W. WIGGS, SAM WIGGS, BOYD WIGGS, MARLON YARBROUGH, and three young male white individuals whose names were unknown to him but who were arrested in the spring of 1963 in that area for cattle rustling, and about ten other white males whose names he did not know. VAN GILDER stated that no mention was made of any planned action or violence at the meeting except the possibility of burning crosses in the future.

ME T-1 supra advised on March 31, 1964, that he had been following the activities of the Klan at Woodland,

Mississippi, and does not believe that the organization had been received with much interest. He stated that the organization has not had more than one or two meetings since their original organizational meeting held in December 1963 or January 1964.

Memphis confidential informant T-2 advised on May 1, 1964, that he had learned that during the week end of April 25-26, 1964, that various handbills were distributed around Houston, Mississippi, explaining the purpose of the "White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi." This source furnished a copy of this document, and it is captioned, "The Most Awful Disease of Our Time." The leaflet is opposed to integration and states, "The White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi are native white Mississippians and are not affiliated with any other Klan organization possibly operating within this State headed by people outside this State. We are solely responsible for this and all other work done by the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi and that alone."

Date May 4, 1964

EVERETT DA WIGGS, store owner, Woodland, Mississippi, was advised of the nature of the inquiry, that he did not have to answer questions, that he could consult an attorney before making a statement, and that any statement made by him could be used against him in court. WIGGS advised that he has attended two or three meetings of the Ku Klux Klan but he did not wish to discuss his association with the Klan any further.

WIGGS explained he realized that Chickasaw County has not had any racial trouble and he was of the opinion that the Klan could prevent racial trouble from starting. He noted that chemicals are used to prevent grass from growing in the cotton fields because once the grass starts to grow, it is almost impossible to eliminate the grass from the field. If the chemicals are used early enough, the grass never starts. This might be one justification for the Klan to start in an area where there has not been racial trouble - the Klan would keep the racial trouble from ever starting.

WIGGS did not believe in violence. He said, "I do not want anyone to violence me and I don't want to violence anyone else." WIGGS remarked that he had heard a number of crosses had been burned in Chickasaw and Calhoun Counties on Saturday, April 18, 1964. He also heard that a cross was burned in front of a store owner at Woodland. Possibly the reason the cross was burned in Woodland was that the man who owned the store refused to sign a petition about "the nigger situation" that was mailed to Senators STENNIS and EASTLAND. The store owner refused to sign the petition as most of his business came from the Negro people. WIGGS remarked, "If that was the reason the cross was burned, I'm glad of it."

WIGGS had never read the constitution of the Klan and did not know anything about the dues paid to the Klan. He said that he did not wish to discuss the Klan any further.

The following description of WIGGS was obtained by observation and interview:

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On 4/22/64 at Woodland, Mississippi File # Memphis 157-359
by SA's ROBERT F. SAVARD, JR., and
LYNN P. SMITH:mjh/wp Date dictated 4/27/64

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Name	EVERETT D. WIGGS
Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	42 (estimated)
Height	6' 2"
Weight	185 pounds
Build	Medium
Hair	Black, turning grey, crew cut
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Dark
Scars, Marks	None visible
Marital Status	Married
Address	Woodland, Mississippi, formerly resided Greenville, Mississippi
Military Service	U. S. Marine Corps during World War II
Navy Serial No.	Unknown.

COAHOMA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

On March 13, 1964, ME T-3 advised that he had made an effort to obtain information regarding any possible Klan activity in Coahoma County, Mississippi, but had obtained no indication that there was such prior to March 13, 1964. He stated that on that date two individuals who claimed to be officials of the "Mississippi Klan" from Greenville, Mississippi, contacted an individual in Clarksdale, Mississippi, collected a \$10 initiation fee, and "swore him into the Klan." Informant stated that he had ascertained that the individual who joined the Klan on March 13, 1964, was one ROBERT LLOYD PARKS, who operates a used automobile and used auto parts business in Clarksdale, Mississippi.

On March 21, 1964, ME T-3 advised that the above mentioned ROBERT LLOYD PARKS met GORDON M. LACKEY of Greenwood, Mississippi, at the Plantation Motel on March 20, 1964, at 7:30 p.m. for a Klan meeting. Informant stated that LACKEY apparently went to Clarksdale alone to meet PARKS with the expectation that PARKS would have some recruits for the Klan at that time. Informant stated that during the meeting with PARKS that LACKEY identified himself as an official of the Klan but did not state his exact title in the organization and did not mention the identity of any other Klan members at the time. Informant further stated that LACKEY pointed out during this meeting that it would be necessary for PARKS to have some literature if he was going to recruit members of the Klan at Clarksdale. It was noted that the individual who identified himself as GORDON LACKEY was identical with one of the individuals who had previously recruited PARKS into the Klan on March 13, 1964.

ME T-3 advised that GORDON M. LACKEY went to Clarksdale, Mississippi, on April 9, 1964, for a Klan meeting and met with ROBERT LLOYD PARKS and R. D. LOWE, whom PARKS had brought to the meeting. LACKEY urged LOWE to become affiliated with the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi, and LOWE, after listening to LACKEY's statements, stated that while he agreed with the organization and would contribute to it that he would not personally join because he had high blood pressure and was in ill health. During this meeting LACKEY examined a map of the city of Clarksdale, and from telephone directory ascertained the address of AARON E. HENRY, the Mississippi President of the NAACP. He indicated on the map

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the location of HENRY's residence and requested information from PARKS regarding descriptions of cars that HENRY owns and operates and his habits.

On June 16, 1964, T-3 advised that so far as he could ascertain, LACKEY had not been back in Clarksdale, Mississippi, in connection with Klan matters. He further stated that so far as he could observe, PARKS was not doing anything on behalf of the Klan and was making no effort to recruit members.

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LEFLORE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

On December 14, 1963, [redacted] Yazoo City, Mississippi, telephonically advised SA SAMUEL E. VIRDEN, II, that he had on that date observed several individuals in contact with JAMES I. ROBERTS of Yazoo City, Mississippi, whom [redacted] described as being the "number one Klan organizer at Yazoo City." [redacted] stated that he had observed a 1962 Mercury occupied by four men with 1964 Mississippi license N-3008 registered to ROY A. JONES, Greenwood, Mississippi. He stated that the occupants of this car appeared to be well known to JAMES I. ROBERTS.

On March 4, 1964, ROY ASBURY JONES, P. O. Box 1049, Humphrey Highway, Greenwood, Mississippi, was interviewed by SA's EDWARD V. SCHAUM and LEROY D. FEDERLE. He stated that shortly after the first of the year 1964 that he received a pamphlet which was dropped anonymously into his automobile giving information regarding the Ku Klux Klan. He stated that in this pamphlet the claim was made that the recipient should talk to any six men and that one of these six would tell him what he wanted to know about the Klan. JONES stated that there were no names mentioned in this pamphlet and that he discussed the pamphlet from time to time with different individuals but never obtained any information regarding the Klan. He stated he was interested enough in the Klan to read up on it in his encyclopedia but that he was still not clear from the encyclopedia as to just what the Klan stood for. He stated that the pamphlet he received mentioned something about cross burnings but that he did not recall the details of this. He stated that he had been in Yazoo City, Mississippi, a number of times inasmuch as his business, the Jones Sign Company, takes him to Yazoo City periodically. He stated that he was probably in Yazoo City in December 1963 and was probably driving his 1962 Meteor automobile. He stated that he did not know anyone by the name of JAMES I. ROBERTS and does not know of anyone who is affiliated with the Ku Klux Klan in any way whatsoever. He stated that he has never been approached by anyone to join the Klan and did not know the name of the individual who left the pamphlet in his car.

Memphis confidential informant T-4 advised on March 18, 1964, that on March 15, 1964, a State meeting of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan was held at Klan

headquarters on the Morgantown Road, Natchez, Mississippi. Among those present was an individual identified only as "LACKEY" from Leflore County, who was described as approximately 6'1", 190 pounds, 26 to 30 years old, wearing heavy horn rimmed glasses and traveling in a 1962 two-tone blue Ford with whip antenna. His State office and title, if any, were unknown.

On June 25, 1963, GORDON LACKEY, 412 West Park Avenue, Greenwood, Mississippi, was interviewed by SA's BON H. McELREATH and JOSEPH A. CANALE in connection with another matter. He stated that he had been acquainted with BYRON DE LA BECKWITH for about eleven or twelve years, that he and BECKWITH have a mutual interest in guns, and that he considered himself somewhat of a gun collector, having twenty-two to twenty-five guns in his possession at the time of the interview. He stated that he often carries a gun on his person but has never carried it for the purpose of injuring anyone except he said in self defense.

LACKEY advised that during the latter part of April or first part of May 1963 when Negroes were demonstrating in Greenwood, Mississippi, that he and BECKWITH drove around Greenwood, watching the demonstrators. He stated that while driving around, he and BECKWITH decided it would be "fun" to take photographs of the demonstrators, officers, and FBI Agents. He stated that the primary purpose of this was to see whether or not it was local Negroes demonstrating or Negroes living outside of the Greenwood area. He stated that he and BECKWITH had a few drinks and did get into BECKWITH's car and drove around making photographs, which they later showed to their friends.

LACKEY stated that he has quite a bit of reloading equipment and his equipment is capable of reloading 30.06 cartridges. LACKEY noted that he and BECKWITH have on several occasions gone outside of Greenwood and engaged in target practice.

In connection with another investigation, Agents of the FBI observed a white male, who was later identified as BILLY GOODWIN, on March 26, 1964, in front of the Leflore County Court House during a demonstration by Negroes. GOODWIN was leading a small monkey on a chain and the monkey had on

him a sign reading, "I can't read but I want to vote. Mississippi won't teach me to read." After parading the monkey up and down in the picket line, GOODWIN joined GORDON LACKEY. Unidentified bystanders in the crowd were heard to say that the monkey belonged to LACKEY.

On April 2, 1964, ME T-3 supra advised that on that date a meeting of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi was held at the rear of LACKEY's shop in Greenwood, Mississippi. It was not known how many individuals were present at this meeting. LACKEY was heard to request a map of Clarksdale, Mississippi, with the residence of AARON E. HENRY, President of the State NAACP, pinpointed. With reference to HENRY, LACKEY made the statement, "I can kill that son of a bitch and they will never find out that I did it." The next meeting was scheduled for Clarksdale, Mississippi, on April 9, 1964.

On April 23, 1964, T-3 supra advised that a meeting of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi, which was scheduled for the morning of April 20, 1964, at the garage of GORDON M. LACKEY, Greenwood, Mississippi, was not held because LACKEY stated on that date that it was necessary for him to proceed to Jackson, Mississippi, to attend the trial of BYRON DE LA BECKWITH of Greenwood, Mississippi, who had been charged with the murder of MEDGAR EVERS, Jackson NAACP leader. On April 23, 1964, LACKEY commented that the next meeting of the Klan would be at Greenwood, Mississippi, on April 27, 1964. LACKEY stated that his efforts and that of others had been devoted to the BECKWITH trial but with the trial completed that they could devote time to other matters which need attention.

ME T-5 advised on April 28, 1964, that a State meeting of the WKKKK was held on April 26, 1964, at Brookhaven, Mississippi. Informant stated that GORDON LACKEY from Greenwood, Mississippi, was present.

ME T-3 supra advised on April 28, 1964, that a meeting of the WKKKK of Mississippi was held on the morning of April 28, 1964, at Greenwood, Mississippi, at the rear of GORDON M. LACKEY's shop. LACKEY distributed a sheet entitled "My Fellow Americans," which begins, "Here are twenty reasons why you should, if qualified, join, aid and support the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi."

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On May 11, 1964, ME T-3 supra advised that on the morning of May 10, 1964, a meeting of the White Knights of the KKK was held at the rear of LACKEY's shop in Greenwood. LACKEY furnished to some of those in attendance at this meeting a supply of the above mentioned pamphlets, and instructed that during the week of May 11, 1964, they be distributed in Tunica County, Mississippi, which county he said had not been furnished any literature regarding this organization. LACKEY also expressed concern that a greater number of persons have not yet joined the organization and said, "We have got to organize the whole state of Mississippi."

On May 27, 1964, ME T-3 advised that the above mentioned BILLY GOODWIN, manager of a Shell Service Station at Greenwood, Mississippi, was an active member of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

On April 25, 1964, Inspector A. D. MORGAN, Duty Officer, State Headquarters, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that as of 4:00 p.m., April 25, 1964, he had received information regarding a great number of cross burnings in Mississippi on the previous night of April 24, 1964. Among the locations where crosses were burned, according to Inspector MORGAN, were Duck Hill, Kilmichael, and Winona, all in Montgomery County, Mississippi.

On June 13, 1964, Sheriff E. W. WAGES, Montgomery County, Mississippi, advised SA LEROY D. FEDERLE that four crosses were burned in Montgomery County during the evening of June 12, 1964. WAGES also stated that on the evening of the cross burning, a white male by the name of BUCK BRASSWELL of Winona, Mississippi, was decoyed from his home on pretext by one PAUL McELROY, white, of Attala County, Mississippi, and driven by McELROY to a location near Winona where four white men were waiting. The four white men told McELROY to drive off and then told BRASSWELL that they were going to throw him in the River for mistreating his wife and family. Headlights of hunters appeared in the area and scared the men off before they were able to touch BRASSWELL. The hunters rescued BRASSWELL. BRASSWELL told WAGES that the four men were unfamiliar to him. WAGES stated that McELROY, after driving away from BRASSWELL and the four men, was stopped momentarily nearby by hooded persons occupying two vehicles. Sheriff WAGES stated that this was the first evidence to his knowledge of any open Ku Klux Klan activity in Montgomery County.

On June 19, 1964, Sheriff WAGES advised SA FEDERLE that BRASSWELL signed an affidavit charging McELROY with disturbing the peace. WAGES stated that McELROY was arrested and released on bond of \$200. WAGES stated that he questioned McELROY at length regarding his part in decoying BRASSWELL from his home and about his connection with the Klan. WAGES advised McELROY would not talk for fear of his own life and the safety of his family because of possible revenge by the Klan in the event he did talk. Sheriff WAGES stated that he had no knowledge as to which particular Klan or affiliate thereof was involved in this incident involving BRASSWELL and the cross burnings in his county.

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PANOLA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

On May 22, 1964, T-3 supra advised that a meeting of the WKKKK of Mississippi was held on the morning of May 21, 1964, at LACKEY's shop in Greenwood. Informant stated that, according to LACKEY, three to six men would shortly be sent to recruit for the organization at Batesville, Mississippi.

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QUITMAN COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

T-3 advised on May 22, 1964, that at the Klan meeting on May 21, 1964, in Greenwood, Mississippi, GORDON LACKEY announced that three to six men would be sent to recruit for the organization at Marks, Mississippi.

TUNICA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

T-3 supra advised on May 22, 1964, that at the May 21, 1964, Klan meeting in Greenwood, Mississippi, GORDON LACKEY announced that three to six men would be sent to Tunica County, Mississippi, to recruit for the Klan organization.

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WASHINGTON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

On December 14, 1964, [] Yazoo City, Mississippi, advised SA SAMUEL E. VIRDEN, II, that he had observed a 1961 Chevrolet four-door with Mississippi 1964 license W-8190 in Yazoo City, Mississippi. [] stated that JAMES I. ROBERTS of Yazoo City, whom he described as being the number one Klan organizer in Yazoo City, got into this car and rode off with the two or three male white individuals who were therein. [] stated that this car was registered to J. R. WOODS, JR., 723 South Colorado Street, Greenville, Mississippi. [] stated that he is of the opinion that these individuals were contacting ROBERTS on Klan activities.

On January 28, 1964, ME T-6 advised that (FNU) THOMPSON of the AAA Battery Company, Highway 82 East, Greenville, Mississippi, had approached a member of the Greenville, Mississippi, Police Department and invited him to join the Ku Klux Klan.

On February 10, 1964, the above mentioned [] [] Yazoo City, Mississippi, advised SA SAMUEL E. VIRDEN, II, that some male white driving a grey late model Pontiac sedan bearing 1964 Mississippi license W-1260 had been observed in the company of JAMES ISAAC ROBERTS, whom NICHOLAS described as being the leading organizer of the Ku Klux Klan in Yazoo City, Mississippi. [] stated that he had observed this vehicle in Yazoo City on several different occasions, and on the most recent occasion the driver of the car had waited several hours in order to see ROBERTS.

On February 22, 1964, [] advised SA SAMUEL N. JENNINGS that the above described car had been seen again in Yazoo City, Mississippi, in contact with ROBERTS. [] stated that this car was registered to a HOUSTON A. EVAN, 334 Thomas Street, Greenville, Mississippi, and that he was not personally acquainted with EVAN. He stated that he had determined that EVAN has a son who is employed at the Greenville Mills, Greenville, Mississippi.

On February 20, 1964, records of the Greenville, Mississippi, Police Department, were checked by ELIZABETH DYKES,

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Clerk, who advised SA V. WALSER PROSPERE that HOUSTON ACREE EVAN, JR., also known as SONNY, has Greenville Police Department number 13353 and resides at 334 Thomas Street in Greenville with his father. She stated that EVAN was born February 19, 1934, at Greenville, that he was arrested on September 30, 1948, in connection with possession of stolen automobile and was released on three months' parole. She stated that he was formerly employed as a cab driver for the City Cab Company, Greenville, that there is no record of child molestation on his part but that his father, HOUSTON EVAN, SR., has Greenville Police Department number 47084 and was arrested on December 4, 1953, for sex crime against minor.

Records of the Merchants Credit Bureau, May Building, Greenville, Mississippi, were checked by CHRISTINE NEWSOME on February 20, 1964, who advised SA V. WALSER PROSPERE that HOUSTON EVAN, JR., had a wife, SUE, and is currently employed as a mechanic at the Delta Implement Company, Greenville, Mississippi. He has been so employed for about a year and has a satisfactory credit record.

On February 20, 1964, Chief of Police W. C. BURNLEY, Greenville, Mississippi, advised SA PROSPERE that HOUSTON EVAN, SR., of Greenville, Mississippi, [REDACTED]

and was formerly in the Mississippi State Penitentiary at Parchman, Mississippi, for child molestation.

Information was previously set out that DENTON GARRETT of Greenville, Mississippi, was a member of the Klan in Greenville, Mississippi.

On February 26, 1964, ME T-7 advised SA HUNTER E. HELGESON that DENTON MURRAY GARRETT, Route 1, Box 550, Leland, Mississippi, had Veterans Administration Claim Number C5590359 and is presently drawing a service-connected disability compensation from the Veterans Administration [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Informant stated that GARRETT was last treated in the Veterans Administration Hospital at Memphis, Tennessee, during the period November 14, 1957, to December 8, 1957, and that the most recent diagnosis reflects that [REDACTED]

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Informant stated that records reflect that GARRETT was born February 29, 1921, at Kilmichael, Mississippi, and served in the U. S. Army from October 15, 1942, to November 5, 1948, when he received an honorable discharge. His Army Serial Number is 34 428 795.

On March 27, 1964, ME T-6 supra advised that the following have been reported to him as being members of the Ku Klux Klan at Greenville, Mississippi:

W. C. THOMAS, 724 South Colorado Street, Greenville, Mississippi, owner and operator of the AAA Battery Company, 82 East Highway, is the Cyclops or known as number one.

DAN H. THOGGARD, white male, who resides on Highway 1 south of Greenville in the community known as Wayside, Mississippi. No background information is available concerning this individual. THOGGARD is referred to in Klan circles as number two.

Number three as referred to in Klan activities at Greenville is OTTIS L. EVANS, JR., 1334 All Saints Circle, Greenville, Mississippi, who operates the Commercial Produce Company on Highway 82 East at Greenville.

Dr. EVERETT F. MITCHELL, a physiotherapist with office at 540 Cedar and who resides at 1337 East John in Greenville.

LEROY EASTERLING, 312 Thomas, who has a used car business on Highway 82 East, Greenville.

ERNEST STONE, JR., 297 Primrose Drive.

EMORY SMITH, 1172 Cileste, Greenville.

HOUSTON EVANS, JR., who resides in and around Greenville and owns and operates a 1959 Pontiac bearing Mississippi license number W1260.

On April 25, 1964, Inspector A. D. MORGAN, Duty Officer, State Headquarters, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, Jackson, Mississippi, advised a representative of the FBI that on the previous night crosses were burned at the following cities in Washington County: Arcola, Hollandale, Greenville, and Leland.

The April 26, 1964, issue of the Delta Democrat Times, a daily newspaper published at Greenville, Mississippi, reported that the Ku Klux Klan made a State-wide show of strength Friday night burning crosses in at least ten Mississippi counties and that five crosses were known to have been burned in Washington County, including two in the city of Greenville. The article noted that the first indication that the cross burnings were the work of the Klan came in a telephone call to a Jackson newspaper saying they were "in protest of integration and Communism." Greenville Chief of Police W. C. BURNLEY was quoted as stating, "It is obvious that this is the work of the Ku Klux Klan and done with one purpose, to intimidate." The article noted that in Greenville police charged WILLIAM C. MERRILL, age forty-one, 1332 St. Joseph Street, and EDDIE L. JETER, age forty-one, 1252 South Colorado, with breach of the peace in connection with cross burning incidents. They were both released on \$250 bond and both denied the charge.

The article continued that CURLEY REID, age forty-three, the third man apprehended by police with the above two in a car which witnesses had seen near one of the burning crosses, died of a heart attack while being questioned by the Greenville Police.

ME T-6 advised on April 25, 1964, that insofar as he has been able to determine, WILLIAM C. THOMAS, operator of the AAA Battery and Generator Service, Highway 82 East, Greenville, is currently head of the Klan in Greenville, Mississippi. He advised that there is only one Klavern in the area and membership comes from over the entire county. He stated that in the absence of THOMAS, OTTIS EVANS, operator of a produce store adjacent to the Battery and Generator Service, is one of the leaders. Dr. EVERETT F. MITCHELL, an osteopath at 540 Cedar Street and ~~residing at~~ 1337 East John Street, Greenville, Mississippi, is the secretary of the organization. He stated that MITCHELL and THOMAS are the only persons with lists of members and the group is extremely security conscious.

T-6 also advised that LEROY EASTERLING, operator of the Just Rite Auto Sales, Highway 82 East, Greenville, Mississippi, is one of the leaders in the group and possibly engaged in enlisting other members. Informant identified J. W. WOODS, currently residing at the corner of Arnold and Highway 82, an employee of the Greenville Mills, as active in recruiting members, and informant advised he has specific knowledge of one person WOODS attempted to recruit. Informant stated WOODS had recently been arrested by the Police Department on charge of hauling or possession of whiskey.

Informant stated that he had learned from his source that BUTCH RYAN, an employee of J. F. BRANTON, a planter residing south of Leland, Mississippi, on Highway 61, is a member, and that probably BRANTON, a strong segregationist, is also a member. Informant was not certain of the membership of BRANTON.

T-6 stated DONALD LEACH, a painter in Greenville, Mississippi, is an admitted member of the Klan, and that LEACH did some work on a building near Wayside, Mississippi, where the group met on one or more occasions, prior to publicity in the Greenville newspaper concerning the approximate location of their meeting place.

Informant stated that BILLY JOE JENNINGS, a former member of the Greenville, Mississippi, Police Department, and currently employed at the U. S. Gypsum Company in Greenville, is a member and is engaged in recruiting activities for the Klan.

On May 1, 1964, Chief of Police W. C. BURNLEY, Greenville, Mississippi, advised that the above mentioned W. C. MERRILL and E. L. JETER, who were charged in the cross burning incidents in Greenville, appeared in City Court on May 1, 1964, entered pleas of nolo contendere, and were fined \$30. Chief BURNLEY stated that MERRILL and JETER were uncommunicative concerning Klan activities and would furnish no information concerning their activities or the identities of persons responsible for the cross burnings in Washington County.

On April 27, 1964, T-6 advised that JOHN JASPER, 558 North Abraham, an employee of the Allied Fence Company,

Highway 1 North, Greenville, Mississippi, was a member of the Klan and had made an effort to recruit a member in Greenville.

On May 13, 1964, Chief BURNLEY advised that on May 12, 1964, his men had patrolled the area of a Council of Federated Organizations meeting in Greenville, Mississippi, and that HOUSTON EVANS, JR., had been stopped in the area driving a Buick with no tag. He stated that EVANS had a portable recorder on the seat of the car and was recording license numbers of cars at the intersection of O'Hea and Edison Streets, where the COFO meeting was being held. BURNLEY advised that EVANS was told to leave the area and to stay away from such places.

On May 21, 1964, ME T-6 supra advised he had learned from a source he believed reliable that JAMES J. ORSI, 630 Carson Drive, Greenville, a radio and television repairman, was a member of the Klan, as was JOHN BREWER, 1537 Genie Fairway, operator of an electronics shop at Reed Road and Avery Street in Greenville.

On June 3, 1964, ME T-8 advised he had been in contact with an individual in Washington County who invited him to join the Klan, and he declined to do so. He advised he had determined that HOWARD HEARN, residing near James Crossing, Mississippi, was a member, and that LEROY EASTERLING in Greenville, Mississippi, was the principal recruiter. He advised also that a WALTER JACKSON, a farmer in the Hollandale, Mississippi, area, was probably a member of Klan, but he could not state so specifically, but judged him to be on the basis of contact with him. Informant advised that the persons making contacts for prospective recruits were security conscious and made their contacts on the basis that they themselves were not members of the Klan but that they have been asked by someone in the Klan to contact the prospect and determine if he would be interested in joining the Klan. Informant stated that on the basis of his declining to join the organization that he did not think he would be contacted further in this matter.

Informant T-8 declined to identify the individual who invited him to attend a meeting. He stated that he attended one meeting, that he was picked up at his residence

and taken to a house behind the store at Wayside, Mississippi. He stated that this was sometime in February or March 1964. He stated there were a number of expensive automobiles parked at the house and that there was someone, whose identity was unknown to him, who was on duty in the parking area around this house and had a walkie-talkie radio. This person called in on the radio and told someone inside the house that two persons were coming in. He stated they went to the door, and inside was a hooded person who admitted them. There were several rooms in this house, and from sounds informant judged that there were persons in each of them. He stated that there was a sort of an altar on a table on which there was an open Bible and a sword across the Bible. He stated that a man he had never seen before conducted the meeting and spoke of the history of the Ku Klux Klan, of how it had saved the South twice and was going to do so again. Informant described the speaker at the meeting as being approximately fifty years of age, 5' 10" to 6' tall, 225 pounds, black horn-rimmed glasses, and dressed as if not accustomed to wearing a business suit, which he was wearing at the time. Informant stated that after listening to this man for a while, he decided he did not want to join the organization and that he left, along with a CECIL DAVIS, of Avon, Mississippi, and a man believed by him to be JAMES KIKER, a farmer in the James Crossing area, and KIKER's son. He stated that DAVIS and the two KIKERS did not appear to be interested in the organization. He stated further that as he left the meeting, he heard persons talking on two-way radios checking them out of the house and into the parking area. Informant stated that he did not recognize any other persons at the meeting, and as a result of his leaving the meeting, he did not believe that he would be recontacted by any of them and has not been recontacted to date.

On June 17, 1964, ME T-6 advised that he had determined that there was a meeting of the Klan held in an open field southwest of Chatham, Mississippi, on the night of June 16, 1964. Informant stated that at this meeting FRANKLIN TROTTER, a farmer from around Wayside, Mississippi, or at least related to the TROTTER family in that area of the county, was present, along with JAMES BETTY, an employee of Self's Garage, Highway 82 East, Greenville, Mississippi. He stated that a man named (FNU) KENDALL, a fireman in Greenville, Mississippi, was also present. He stated that

KENDALL had attended Hinds County Junior College, Raymond, Mississippi, and recently attended the Jackson School of Law, Jackson, Mississippi. He stated that KENDALL is presently waiting to take the bar examination for admission to the bar.

On June 19, 1964, T-6 advised that a meeting of the Klan was scheduled to be held in a rural area in Washington County but that the meeting was not held because the Sheriff's Office was active on that night in that area of the county searching for an escaped prisoner.

On June 21, 1964, T-6 advised that there was a meeting of the Klan earlier that night and that the meeting was held five miles east of Avon, Mississippi, in an open field some distance off the road and up a drainage ditch. He stated that at this meeting OTTIS EVANS, in the absence of BUCK THOMAS, who was hospitalized, presided, and that LEROY EASTERLING was present, along with BERT TEASLEY, 328 South Main Street. He stated further that a SAM WILSON, whose address he did not know, was present. He stated that at the meeting there was some discussion of investigation of a CHARLES BRADBERRY, a Negro who has a 1950 Ford, Washington County tag W4278, and lives at Box 135, Avon, Mississippi. Informant stated it was not clear just what the discussion concerning this Negro was about but apparently he was believed to be involved in dating or having some contact with a white woman. Informant also stated that there was some discussion of two unidentified white girls residing in the vicinity of California and Colorado Streets in Greenville, who drive a red Ford, and are reportedly "fooling around with" Negro men. He advised that some inquiry would apparently be made by the Klan before it was decided just what action should be taken, if any, in this matter. Informant stated that insofar as he could determine through his contacts in the Klan that the group is very security conscious, uses walkie-talkies to check people in and out of meetings, and has gone more underground since the story in the Delta Democrat Times concerning the presence of the Klan in Washington County.

A P P E N D I X

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WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI

A source advised that on February 15, 1964, approximately 200 members of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK) from the State of Mississippi, met at Brookhaven, Mississippi. Those present decided to defect from the OKKKK and to form their own Klan group in Mississippi to be known as the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi.

This source advised that the aims and purposes of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi are to preserve Christian civilization, protect and promote white supremacy and the segregation of the races, to fight Communism and to extend the dignity, heritage and rights of the white race of America.

7/13/64

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-44)

**PLANS OF KLAN GROUPS TO
INFILTRATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES**
RM

Re New Orleans teletype to Bureau and Memphis,
7/7/64, captioned as above.

Enclosed for the Bureau are ten copies and for Memphis, one copy of letterhead memorandum captioned as above setting forth the identities of members of law enforcement agencies in the State of Mississippi who are known to be members of Klan Groups through information supplied by racial informants. Also set forth are the identities of members of law enforcement agencies suspected of being members of Klan Groups.

Sources mentioned in enclosed letterhead memorandum are as follows:

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AGENCIES

A first confidential source advised on April 8, 1964, and a second confidential source advised on June 23, 1964, that Edward M. Cowan, a Patrolman with the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, Jones County, Mississippi, is a member of the Laurel Klavern of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM). These two sources have furnished reliable information in the past.

This same second confidential source advised on June 23, 1964, that Billy Martin, a member of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, located in Jasper County, Mississippi, was formerly a member of the WKKKKOM at Bay Springs, Mississippi; however, Martin had severed his relationship with the Klan.

A third confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 24, 1964, and again on April 8, 1964, that Odell Anders, the Sheriff of Adams County, Natchez, Mississippi, is a member of the WKKKKOM in Adams County.

This same confidential source advised on February 16, 1964, that Grady Leverette and Willie Stroud, Patrolmen with the Natchez, Mississippi, Police Department, and Mario Hernandez, Deputy Sheriff with the Adams County Sheriff's Office, were members of the WKKKKOM at Natchez, Mississippi.

It should be noted that Mario Hernandez is no longer employed by the Adams County Sheriff's Office.

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This same third confidential source advised on February 22, 1964, that one Burchfield, first name unknown, Constable, District No. 3, Fenwick, Mississippi (near Natchez) and Robert Cross, a Patrolman with the Natchez Police Department are members of the WKKKKOM at Natchez, Mississippi.

This same third confidential source advised on March 13, 1964, that Judge Flynn Wells, Justice of the Peace, District No. 5, Natchez, Mississippi, is a member of the WKKKKOM at Natchez.

This same third confidential source advised on March 18, 1964, that J. Darris Crawford, Constable, District No. 5, Natchez, Mississippi, and Spook Martin, Patrolman with the Natchez Police Department are members of the WKKKKOM.

This same third confidential source advised on April 9, 1964, that Captain J. G. Wisner and Reese Lindsey, Patrolmen, both of the Natchez, Mississippi, Police Department, are members of the WKKKKOM at Natchez.

A fourth confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 18, 1964, that Eddie Smith, a Patrolman with the McComb, Mississippi, Police Department, is a member of the Pike County Klavern of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan at McComb, Mississippi.

The first confidential source, mentioned above, advised on February 21, 1964, that the following individuals are members of the WKKKKOM at Laurel, Mississippi:

Jerry Smith, Patrolman, Laurel, Mississippi,
Police Department.

Willie L. Sanford, Justice of the Peace, Beat
No. 5, Covington County, Mississippi.

PLANS OF KLAN GROUPS TO
INFILTRATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

Hurston Stringer and Howard R. Cox, Game
Wardens, Mississippi Fish and Game
Commission, Jones County, Mississippi.

Edward Wadsworth, Assistant City Marshal,
Ellisville, Mississippi.

A fifth confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on June 25, 1964, that J. P. Moore, the Night Marshal, Bolton, Mississippi, and also a Deputy Sheriff of the Hinds County Sheriff's Office, is a member of the Bolton Klavern of the WKKKKOM.

This same fifth confidential source advised on June 25, 1964, that Noel Winn (phonetic), Communications Officer with the Rankin County, Mississippi, Auxiliary Police Force, is a member of the Copiah County, Mississippi, Klavern of the WKKKKOM.

This same fifth confidential source advised on June 25, 1964, that Woody Mathews, a Deputy Sheriff in either Utica or Hazlehurst, Mississippi, is also a member of the WKKKKOM.

A sixth confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on September 23, 1963, that a Daniel Jones, Sheriff of Amite County, Mississippi, is believed to be a member of a Klan group.

The fourth confidential source, previously mentioned, advised on June 10, 1964, that Daniel Jones, Sheriff of Amite County, had attended a meeting of the Pike County Klavern of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

A seventh confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 19, 1964, that members of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan from Bogalusa, Louisiana, were reported to have traveled to Columbia, Mississippi, where it was

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alleged that they took into membership the Chief of Police at Columbia, Mississippi.

The records of the New Orleans Office of the FBI reveal that Floyd Hodges is the Chief of Police, Columbia, Mississippi.

The fourth confidential source previously mentioned, advised on June 10, 1964, that a Sheriff, name unknown, from Tylertown, Mississippi, attended a meeting of the Pike County Klavern of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

The records of the New Orleans Office of the FBI reveal that J. C. Knippers of Tylertown, Mississippi, is Sheriff of Walthall County, Mississippi.

An eighth confidential source with whom insufficient contact has been had to determine reliability advised in June, 1964, that Luther Stevenson, Constable, Beat No. 4, Rankin County, Mississippi, may be a member of the Klan.

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Confidential sources one, two, three and five, previously mentioned, have advised, in the past, that Julius Harper is the former Sheriff of Copiah County, Mississippi, and is the Grand Dragon of the WKKKKOM.

A ninth confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on January 13, 1964, that E. L. Caston, the former Sheriff of Amite County, Mississippi, is a member of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

A characterization of the WKKKKOM and of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan is set forth in the attached pages.

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APPENDIX

WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI

A source advised that on February 15, 1964, approximately 200 members of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK) from the State of Mississippi met at Brookhaven, Mississippi. Those present decided to defect from the OKKKK and to form their own klan group in Mississippi to be known as the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi.

This source advised that the aims and purposes of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi are to preserve Christian civilization, protect and promote white supremacy and the segregation of the races, to fight communism and to extend the dignity, heritage and rights of the white race of America.

APPENDIX

ORIGINAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
(LOUISIANA)
(OKKKK)

A source advised on October 25, 1963, that in December, 1960, a group was organized at Shreveport, Louisiana, known as the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK). The purpose of this organization was to promote Americanism, white supremacy, and the maintaining of segregation.

This source further advised on October 25, 1963, that the OKKKK continues to be active and that the aims and purposes continue to be the same.

APPENDIX

SAC (157-2413)

7/14/64

SA FRANK A. SASS, JR.

**INVESTIGATION OF KLAN AND
VIOLENCE, STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
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In connection with investigation being conducted at Meridian, Mississippi in another matter, on 7/13/64, information was received from SUE BROWN, COFO Headquarters, Meridian, Mississippi, to the affect that at the corner of 38th and Pauling a group of COFO workers had been followed by a red Chevrolet truck. They had been unable to get the number off the truck and had called the Meridian Police Department. A subsequent check into the matter through the Meridian Police Department resulted in the following facts which were developed by Assistant Chief of Police ROY GUNN:

About 11:10 AM on 7/11/64, Officer CLIFTON dispatched a call to Officer SOLLIE to go out to 38th Avenue and Davis Street to check a red truck. The complaint came from civil rights workers that the truck had circled the block twice. Officer CLIFTON asked the workers if the subject in the truck had done anything to them or said anything to them. They said that he had not. Officer CLIFTON told them he would send a car to investigate.

About three minutes after Officer CLIFTON sent the car to investigate, he received a call from the COFO Office. SUE BROWN requested that he send a car to 38th Avenue and Davis Street. Officer CLIFTON asked her the nature of the complaint. She said that the subject in the red truck was following some civil rights workers. He told her that he had already dispatched a car to 38th Avenue and Davis Street to investigate and in the conversation with the first complaint, Officer CLIFTON told SUE BROWN that there had been no violation by the subject in the red truck.

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On the above date, Officer SOLLIE called for Assistant Chief GUNN to meet him at the "S" curve on 5th Street. Officer SOLLIE told Chief GUNN about the call that he had just answered. Civil rights workers said that the man in the red truck cursed them, but all they wanted was for him to leave them alone. The subject in the truck was JACK KNOST, Contractor, Highway 45, South, Meridian, Miss., phone 483-6647, P. O. Box 1727. Captain HAAG was with Chief GUNN.

In view of the above, JACK KNOST should be considered a possible klan member or suspect in violence-type matters and should be appropriately indexed.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, New Orleans (157-1962)

DATE: 7/10/64
Biloxi, Mississippi

FROM : SA H. Warren Tool, Jr.

SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS of the KKK of Mississippi
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On July 6, 1964, Chief of Police LOUIS ROSETTI, Biloxi, Mississippi, furnished copies of leaflet captioned "The Klan Ledger", indicated as an official publication of the WK of the KKK of Miss., and dedicated to the preservation of Christian Civilization.

ROSETTI said this is the same leaflet that was found in a number of places along the Mississippi Gulf Coast, some of which were reported dropped from a small plane.

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The KLAN Ledger

An Official Publication of the WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN of Mississippi
DEDICATED TO THE PRESERVATION OF CHRISTIAN CIVILIZATION

SPECIAL GULF COAST EDITION

PRE-4TH OF JULY

The black savages have threatened that they intend to turn the Gulf Coast into the Congo Coast on the 4th of July. All residents and merchants are hereby cautioned to be extremely careful and alert to any threat of gangsterism or hoodlumism in the Coast area on that date. We are not going to have a duplication of the street fights and chaos that have been going on in St. Augustine and Jacksonville. We are hereby advising all white persons who are not members of the duly-authorized police forces of these State and local jurisdictions, or their lawfully deputized deputies or auxiliaries, to stand back and to avoid conflict or contact with these communist-led black savages, in any way, shape, or form. National police agents, under the direction of Bobby Kennedy, will be present with cameras to take pictures of the violence which they hope to be able to provoke. These people want Mississippi placed under martial law, and they are counting on the unorganized white people on this coast to engage in open street fights with the blacks, which will provide them with an excuse. Do not fight with the blacks. Avoid trouble. Run and get the police if the blacks show up. Help the police by keeping calm and staying out of their way while they are working on the arrests. Be very careful at all times. Get women and children out of trouble areas immediately. Talk trouble DOWN, not up. PROVE your white supremacy by showing that you have Brains as well as courage. Remember that the blacks

cannot accomplish anything unless they can cause a disturbance. Remember that they WANT you to fight with them. Keep cool-headed and beat them. The White Knights of the KU KLUX KLAN makes a solemn promise to the white people of the Mississippi Gulf Coast that if they will ignore and frustrate the blacks on the 4th of July and let the duly authorized officers of the law handle them, that we Knights will deal the leaders of these mobs a true brand of justice for the humiliation and sorrow you are suffering today. We do not want open trouble and street warfare (or beach warfare) on the Coast on July 4th. We strongly advise all white people to stay out of trouble with the blacks. Needless to say, we will have our agents all over the coast on that date observing both white and black trouble makers for future reference. We repeat, we want NO open fighting with the blacks on this coast. Heed the advice of the Klan. Do not be misled by imposters.

When the black mobs come to your town, do as we hereby advise: **DO NOT go out into the streets or to town and try to fight them.** No matter how well armed you are, you should stay at home and look after the safety and welfare of your own family.

DO NOT go out looking for trouble. Protect yourself and your family. Arm yourself well and stay at home. **Do not** fire unless your home, your person or your family is attacked. **Do not** submit to having your guns confiscated. Defend

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yourself as a Christian, American patriot should, but do not go out hunting trouble with the Communist-led black savages. **Do not get panicky and do not worry.** If our politicians haven't the courage and moral fiber to stand up and fight integration and Communism with the law as their shield, the Christian citizens of this state will form disciplined ranks to provide protection for our civilization.

Please remember: Support your local police. We must stand behind our local officers of law and against the scummy disciples of dictatorship such as Bobby Kennedy, Nick Katzenback, John Doar, McShine, Burke Marshal, Fidel Castro, St. John Barrett, Phillip Savage and N. Kruschev.

Tonight, after you read this, get a copy of the Constitution of the United States and your Holy Bible. Read and study both of them seriously and well, and keep on doing it every day, every night from now on. Then pour out your heart in prayer to Almighty God for relief and help against the forces of Satan. This is the only way in which we can win, and we will win if we align ourselves with Almighty God!

The White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of the Sovereign Realm of Mississippi is a Christian organization. We do not believe in, nor do we commit acts of unlawful violence. We employ physical force only in defence of our Christian civilization; and even then, without malice or vengeance.

In a debate with Judge Douglas at Charleston, Illinois, September 18, 1858, Mr. Abraham Lincoln expressed his views and his stand on the racial question, in part as follows:

"I am not nor ever have been in favour of bringing about in any way the social and political equality of the white and black races! I am not nor ever have been in favour of making voters or jurors of negroes, nor of qualifying them to hold office, nor to intermarry with white people. I will say in addition to this that there is a physical difference between the white and black races which I believe will forever forbid the two races living together on terms of social and political equality: and inasmuch as they cannot so live, while they do remain together there must be the position of the inferior and superior, and I am, as much as any other man, in favour of having the superior position assigned to the white race."

Dedicated to maintain and extend the dignity, heritage and rights of the White Race of America.

Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, James Monroe, even Booker T. Washington favored segregation.
DON'T DESTROY—Pass it along—Enclose in your letters—Give to your pastor, your politician, your school teacher. Maintain the dignity, heritage and rights of the White Race.

Optional Form No. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1995) DATE: 7/10/64

FROM: SA HUNTER E. HELGESON

SUBJECT: KU KLUX KLAN ACTIVITIES
HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
RM

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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS TO BE TREATED AS
CONFIDENTIAL AND THE SOURCES FULLY PROTECTED IN ANY DISSEMINAT-
ION MADE.

On June 17, 1964, Assistant Chief of Police M. B. PIERCE, Jackson, Mississippi, Police Department, furnished the following information concerning Ku Klux Klan activity. This information was furnished from records of the Jackson Police Department, based upon reports made by [redacted] Jackson, Mississippi, [redacted], who is a member of a Klavern in Hinds County, Mississippi, as an informant for the Jackson Police Department:

A report dated May 31, 1964, advises that W. L. BARRETT, WILLIAM MITCHELL, JR., and BOB NEWMAN, Klan members, were responsible for recently breaking out the front windows of the office of the Council of Federated Organizations (COFO) 1017 Lynch Street, Jackson, Mississippi.

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 (2 - 157-1995)
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 (2 - 157-1994 (PRICE GRAY))
 (2 - 157-ERNEST GILBERT)
 (2 - 157-New (JAY MORROW))
 (2 - 157-New (JOHN MCGREGOR))
 (2 - 157-New (HORACE GRICE))
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On June 2, 1964, there was a meeting of informant's klavern at GRAYS Auto Service, 241 East Rankin Street, Jackson, Mississippi. There were 15 members present. Grays Auto Service is operated by PRICE GRAY.

By report dated June 1, 1964, informant stated that he met recently with PRICE GRAY, WILLIAM MITCHELL, JAY MORROW, (FNU) GRAY, and CARLOS (LNU). JAY MORROW is the Exalted Cyclops of the KKK Klavern located at Bolton, Mississippi. This meeting took place at the farm of C. B. BLAINE. Report did not state whether or not BLAINE was present at this meeting, whether he was a klan member, or whether he knew of the meeting. According to the report, it was decided at this meeting that the Bolton Klavern was "to take everything South of Highway 80 as their territory, and the local unit North of 80". The report continued that the Bolton Chapter had been meeting on ELTON Road near the place that HACK HOLDERFIELD was trying to turn into a night club. Report states that Mr. GRAVES of Nordan and Graves Electrical Service is a member of the Bolton Unit.

By report dated June 11, 1964, the informant advised that there was a state meeting of the KKK held Sunday, June 7, 1964, at an abandoned church near Raleigh, Mississippi. There were "200 - 300" present. There were four guards at the entrance road and other guards in the area on horseback. ERNEST GILBERT, was flying around over the meeting in an airplane. H. L. HOLMES of Jackson, Mississippi, was elected a "Province Investigator" at this meeting.

Informant's klavern met June 9, 1964, at Pennock Tile Company on Handy Avenue in Jackson. There were 13 members present.

On June 17, 1964, [redacted]
[redacted] personally advised SA HUNTER E. HELGESON of the following:

JOHN MCGREGOR is the Exalted Cyclops of the Klavern

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in South Jackson. He is either employed or connected in some way with the City Steel Company.

HORACE GRICE (phonetic) is the Exalted Cyclops of the Forest Hill Klavern.

A. A. RHODES, who resides in either Bolton or Utica, Mississippi, is a Provincial Officer of the KKK, exact office unknown to MOORE.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1962) DATE: 7/10/64

FROM: SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER

SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU
KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI
RACIAL MATTER

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past furnished on 6/24/64, a typewritten report regarding a meeting of the Admas County Klavern of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan which was held at Natchez, Mississippi, on 6/16/64. This report can be located in New Orleans file [redacted].

Informant advised that the meeting was held at the Klan headquarters on Morgantown Road. This meeting was of the Adams County Klavern which had been recently formed and consisted of the old Morgantown Klavern and the old Adams County Klavern.

Informant identified the following individuals as in attendance at this meeting:

PAUL FOSTER, JACK SEALE, JEFF LUKE, W. W. CARNELL, ERNEST FINLEY, FRANK GASTON, FNU FRANK, FNU DILLON, JOE PEOPLES, PETE HARVEY, TOMMIE JONES, DOUGLAS BYRD, JOE LEWIS, ED MC DANIELS, PETE TYER, DAVID CARNELL, SID HANEY, SR., GRIFFIN JAMES, and FNU GEISENBERGER. Approximately twelve names not known at this time.

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1-157-1339 (Adams County)
1-157-2151 (PAUL FOSTER)
1-157-1974 (JACK SEALE)
1-157 - (W. W. CARNELL)
1-157-2159 (ERNEST FINLEY)
1-157-2284 (FRANK GASTON)
1-157- (FNU FRANK)
1-157 - (FNU DILLON)
1-157-2303 (JOE PEOPLES)
1-157- (PETE HARVEY)
1-157-2049 (TOMMIE JONES)
1-157-1340 (DOUGLAS BYRD)
1-157 - (JOE LEWIS)
1-157-2052 (EDWARD MC DANIELS)
1-157-2157 (PETE TYER)
1-157-2277 (DAVID CARNELL)
1-157-2276 (SID HANEY, SR.)
1-157 - (FNU GRIFFIN)
1-157- (CHARLES JAMES)
1-157 - (FNU GEISENBERGER)
1-157-2122 (FNU MC KINNEY)

Informant stated that the entire meeting was devoted to organizing the members into groups of seven persons each. Another member designated as a sergeant will be in charge of each group and the purpose of these groups is participation in Klan activity and "stakeouts". Informant stated that each sergeant in charge of each group will be given an assignment and he must complete this assignment with his own squad members and the sergeant will also be responsible for collecting the dues and the attendance of his men at Klan meetings.

Informant reported that the re-trial of MC KINNEY was set for Monday night, June 22, at the Klan headquarters and that three or four state officers of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan are to be on hand for this meeting.

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FROM: SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER

SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU
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RACIAL MATTER

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past furnished an oral report on 6/14/64 regarding general information regarding Klan activities in the State of Mississippi. This oral report can be located in New Orleans File [redacted].

2-Memphis (RM)

- ①-157-1962 (WKKKK)
- 1-157-44 (Klan Infiltration of Law Enforcement)
- 1-157-1339 (Adams County)
- 1-157- (ODELL ANDERS)
- 1-157-2157 (ERNEST GILBERT)
- 1-157-2242 (BILLY BUCKLES)
- 1-105-1057 (OKKKK)
- 1-105- (Mississippi Ku Klux Klan)
- 1-105-687 (United Klans)
- 1-157-2064 (Pike County)

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On 6/14/64, [] orally advised SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE that there was a "strong rumor" that ODELL ANDERS, Sheriff, Adams County, Natchez, Mississippi, was ready to swear in 50 klansmen as Special Deputies.

[] advised that the State Investigator, E. S. GILBERT of Brookhaven, Mississippi has drawn in excess of \$4000 since January 1, 1964 to the present, for expenses. [] stated the klan was paying in checks using an account under the name of a sportsman's or hunting club through a bank at either Brookhaven or Laurel, Mississippi.

[] advised that the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (WKKKK) has five print shops throughout the State of Mississippi, which are owned by klansmen. []

[] advised he did not know the locations of these shops.

[] advised that all passwords across the State of Mississippi for the WKKKK have been changed. He stated that for identification if a klansman enters a town or community and wishes to locate another klansman, that the first klansman will inquire regarding a family, a manufacturer, a street, or a product by the name of "KAMIN." If the second individual is a klansman, he will

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reply that he knows of no such family, manufacturer, street, or product by the name of "KAMIN" but that he does know of such a family, manufacturer, street, or product by the name of "CAMIN." This identifies both individuals as klansmen.

In addition, if a klansman sees an individual and wishes to determine by signal if this individual is a klan member, he scratches the bridge of his nose with his right index finger in a horizontal position. If the individual being signaled is a klansman, he will answer the first signal by scratching his nose in a similar manner, with his left index finger.

[redacted] advised there is no association at the present time or working agreement between the different groups of klansmen in the State of Mississippi. However, BILLY BUCKLES, the Grand Giant at Meadville, Mississippi is to attempt to work out such an agreement.

[redacted] stated that at the present time, there are four separate klan groups operating in the State of Mississippi, namely, the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK) (Louisiana); the Mississippi Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (MKKKK) (Gulf Coast of Mississippi); the United Klans of America (UKA) (Tuscaloosa, Alabama, operating in the Pike

County area of Mississippi); and the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (WKKKK) of Mississippi (headquarters, Laurel, Mississippi, and operating in 60 of the counties of Mississippi.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1962) DATE: 7/10/64

FROM: SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER

SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU
KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past furnished on 6/14/64 a typewritten report regarding a state meeting of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan which was held on 6/7/64 near Raleigh, Mississippi. This report can be located in New Orleans file [redacted].

Set forth below is informant's report on this matter:

6-Memphis (RM)

- (1-Leflour County)
- (1-Lowrdes County)
- (1-Clay County)
- (1-Winston County)

1-Charlotte (Info) (RM)

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(1-157-1962 - WKKKK)

- (1-157-1971 - SAM BOWERS)
- (1-157-2254 - JULIUS HARPER)
- (1-157-2242 - BILLY BUCKLES)
- (1-157-2123 - A. C. HARRINGTON)
- (1-157-2157 - E. S. GILBERT)
- (1-157-2151 - PAUL FOSTER)
- (1-157-2195 - FNU MATHEWS)
- (1-157- Lauderdale County)
- (1-157-1995 - Hinds County)
- (1-157-1999 - Rankin County)
- (1-157-2004 - Jones County)
- (1-157-2064 - Pike County)
- (1-157-2070 - Franklin County)
- (1-157-1339 - Adams County)

- (1-517-2060 - Amite County)
- (1-157- George County)
- (157-2193 - Wilkinson County)
- (1-157-2154 - Jeff Davis Co.)
- (1-157-1784 - Copiah County)
- (1-157- Wayne County)
- (1-157- Scott County)
- (1-157-2308 - Newton County)
- (1-157-1931 - Kemper County)
- (1-157-2128 - Neshoba County)
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- (1-157-2069 - Jefferson Co.)

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STATE HQ
RALIEGH, MISS.

STATE MEET HELD IN AN ABANDONED CHURCH APPROX. SIX MILES EAST OF RALIEGH, MISS. THIS IS THE OLD BOYKIN METHODIST CHURCH. IT IS ON A SELDOM TRAVELED RURAL ROAD IN A VERY SPARSELY SETTLED AREA OF THE COUNTY. THERE WERE APPROX. 500 MEN IN ATTENDANCE FROM THE FOLLOWING COUNTIES, LAUDERDALE, HINDS, RANKIN, JONES, LEFLORE, PIKE, FRANKLIN, ADAMS, AMITE, GEORGE, WILKINSON, JEFF DAVIS, JEFFERSON, COPIAH, WAYNE, SCOTT, NEWTON, LOWENDS, CLAY, WINSTON, WALTHALL, KEMPER & NESHABA. A CAR FROM THE STATE OF GEORGIA AND A POLICE CAR FROM BRANDON, MISS. WITH SIGNS THAT STATED BRANDON POLICE DEPT. ON EACH DOOR. VERY CLOSE SECURITY MEASURES WERE TAKEN. TWO AIRCRAFT FLEW CONSTANT PATROL OF THE AREA ALL DAY, 12 MOUNTED GUARDS RODE THE WOODED AREA AROUND THE CHURCH, SEVERAL GUARDS ON FOOT ~~WALKED~~ WALKED THE AREA IN AND AROUND THE CHURCH AND GUARDS WERE POSTED ON THE ROAD WAY ABOUT TWO MILES FROM THE CHURCH. ALL OF THESE GUARDS WERE WELL ARMED. NO ONE WAS ALLOWED TO LEAVE THE AREA DURING THE MEETING.

THE FOLLOWING STATE OFFICERS ON HAND FOR THIS MEETING AND TOPICS OF THEIR TALKS WERE AS FOLLOWS. SAM BOWERS, GRAND WIZZARD, LAUREL, MISS., TALK ON COMMUNISM. STATE GRAND DRAGON, HARPER, CRYSTAL SPRINGS, TALK ON TASK THAT LIES AHEAD FOR KLAN THIS SUMMER. THIS MAN IS AN EX-SHERIFF AND A CAFE OPERATOR. STATE GRAND GIANT, BILLY BUCKLES, MEADVILLE OR BUDE, MISS., TALK ON EXPENSE OF KLAN AND SYSTEM TO BE USED IN THE FUTURE, NO CHECKS ARE TO BE USED ALL TRANSACTION BY CASH ONLY. STATE ORGANIZER, HARRINGTON, RUTH, MISS., DAIRY FARMER. TALK ON GROWTH OF KLAN IN MISSISSIPPI. HE STATED THERE WERE APPROX. 3,000 MEMBERS IN THE STATE IN SIXTY ODD COUNTIES. STATE INVESTIGATOR, GILBERT, BROOKHAVEN, MISS., NO TALK ON DUTY IN WOODS AND ROADS IN AREA. STATE CHAPLAIN, PAUL FOSTER, NATCHEZ, MISS., RELIGIOUS TALK ON SECTION OF BIBLE THE KLAN BASES ~~##~~ ITS ACTION AND BEING ON. THE MODERATOR OR CHAIRMAN, MATHEWS, NEPHEW OF JOHN BELL WILLIAMS, HOME THOUGHT TO BE IN UTICA AREA. CHAIRED THE MEETING.

UNDER SEPARATE COVER FIND LITERATURE PASSED OUT AT THIS MEET BY STATE HDQS.

THE GENERAL IDEA CONVEYED BY ALL STATE OFFICERS TO MEMBERSHIP, KEEP OFF STREETS THIS SUMMER AND TAKE NO ACTION ON AGITATORS THAT COME INTO THIS AREA, LET LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS HANDLE SITUATION. THEY WERE TOLD TO BE READY TO TAKE ACTION ONLY IF THE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT IS OVER RUN BY AGITATORS. EX-SHERIFF HARPER AND A MAN NOT KNOWN FROM MERIDIAN GAVE A BRIEF RUN DOWN ON FEDERAL LAWS TO BE AVOIDED AT ANY COST. THE BOMBING LAW, KIDNAP LAW AND MASKING LAW WERE ~~##~~ MAIN POINTS STRESSED. THE MEMBERSHIP WAS WARNED AGAIN AND AGAIN BY STATE OFFICERS NOT TO LET THE KLAN DIE AFTER THIS SUMMER THAT SAME MUST BE KEPT ALIVE AT ALL COST.

TWO DONATIONS WERE TAKEN UP AT THIS MEET, ONE FOR THE KLANSMAN THAT DIED OF A HEART ATTACK. AFTER BEING ARRESTED FOR CROSS BURNING IN GREENVILLE, FUNERAL EXPENSES AND PLANE TICKET FOR FAMILY TO RETURN TO NORTH CAROLINA TO FAMILY. THE OTHER FOR A ONE ARM

KLANSMAN FROM CRYSTAL SPRINGS AREA, UNEMPLOYED AND WITH TWO OR THREE CHILDREN IN THE HOSPITAL.

NOTE THAT NAME OF STATE OFFICERS HAVE BEEN LISTED ALONG SIDE THEIR TITLES ON AGENDA FOR THE DAY.

A VERY HEATED DISCUSSION OF EXPENSE PAYMENTS TO STATE OFFICERS TOOK PLACE AND A FINIANCIAL STATEMENT WAS DEMANDED BY MEMBERSHIP WITHIN THE NEXT THIRTY DAYS AND EACH ~~Q####~~ QUATER HERE AFTER.

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Copy of this report have previously been routed
to 157-1962 (WKKKK) and 157-1996 (Jasper County).

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1962) DATE: 7/10/64

FROM: SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER

SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU
KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI
RACIAL MATTER

[REDACTED] - RI (Prob), who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished on 6/23/64, an oral report regarding a state meeting of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan held on 6/7/64 near Raleigh, Mississippi. This report can be located in New Orleans File [REDACTED]

2-157-1962 (WKKKK)

1-157-2153 (Smith County)
1-157-2004 (Jones County)
1-157-2242 (BILLY BUCKLES)
1-157-1971 (SAM BOWERS)
1-157-2252 (JULIUS HARPER)
1-157-2123 (A. C. HARRINGTON)
1-157-2157 (ERNEST GILBERT)
1-157-2348 (FORREST COUNTY)
1-157- (Cotton Delk)
1-157- (FNU WEATHERS)
1-157- (LOUIE DE SALVO)
1-157-1996 (Jasper County)
1-157- (Bombing of Laurel Leader-Call Newspaper)
1-157- (EDWARD COWAN)
1-157-1953 (B. F. HINTON)
1-157-2249 (CLINTON CLARENCE COLLINS)

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Stringer, Mississippi
June 23, 1964

Informant advised that The White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi scheduled a State Meeting for 5/31/64 at Raleigh, Miss., but the meeting was postponed until 6/7/64. He states the meeting was held at an old Methodist Church about 10 or 12 miles North of Raleigh off State Highway 18.

A copy of the instruction sheet concerning the arrangements for the meeting was furnished by informant. The instructions were hand delivered to the ECs and the Provincial KBI Agents. These instructions were sent by The Council of Grand Officers of the WKKKOM. The letters that were mailed were sent from Meadville, Mississippi and were believed to have been prepared by BILLY BUCKLES, who lives at Ruth, Mississippi. There was a notation on the bottom of the instructions "for you and the Jasper unit". This bottom part was torn off and the envelope was kept by RI.

He states that SAM BOWERS, Imperial Wizard, JULIUS HARPER, Grand Dragon, BILLY BUCKLES, Grand Giant, A. C. HARRINGTON, State Organizer, ERNEST GILBERT, State Investigator, were all present. They made talks in which they discussed the racial situation and what could be expected in Mississippi this summer. They mentioned how to get back at the CR demonstrators and not be observed or at least caught. Nothing of a radical nature was discussed - That is to kill anyone or to do any bodily harm except where the other person caused it.

Informant mentioned that the WKKKOM voted to pay the funeral expenses for one of the members that died of a heart attack at the local jail in Greenwood or Greenville, Mississippi after he was arrested for burning a cross. The bus fare of the widow was paid back to her home in North Carolina.

He mentioned that several elections were held by the various districts where vacancies had occurred. He recalled that the Provincial ~~KBI Agent~~ investigator for the district covering Hattiesburg and Laurel, Mississippi was elected and he thinks his name was "Cotton" DELK (PH) of Hattiesburg. There was another man from Hattiesburg by the name of WEATHERS who was elected Provident Giant. Some individual by the name of LOUIE de ~~XXX~~ SALVO, was elected to some office. He is believed to be from the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

It is expected that there will not be any more State wide meetings until after the summer season is over, however there maybe a called meeting of various officers. Any meetings during the summer will be a group of four or five Klaverns in a particular area. This will be for security reasons.

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He related that a few changes have been made in the State policy with regards to "projects" being carried on by the various Klaverns. The only thing that is necessary to have a project approved is to have a request from the EC of a particular Klavern made to the Provincila KBI Agent of the District where the project is to be carried out. If the KBI Agent approves the request no further action is needed from the higher State Officers. This new procedure eliminates the top men from being involved in any project. This set up leaves the local members more or less on their own and they are the ones that takes all the pressure. He informed that this is no a good set up since the "Top" men get the money and no responsibility.

Informant states it was brought up a recent meeting that the "Top Officers" do not receive any pay for their services but do receive milage and meal allowances. The question was asked how the Officers got their money but this question was never answered. There is no money left the local Klaverns when a new member is taken in. The money is taken by the Officials and the local Bursar sands the bills or holds them until a contact can be made with the Chief Bursar. ~~xxx~~ He thinks that the money that ~~xxx~~ was in the custody of the local Bursar, ~~xxx~~ prior to the ~~xxx~~ new rule can use it for payment of bills.

He explained that there is no Kleeple anymore. The recruiting is done by the local members and the new members are screeded by all local members. If two members vote against a new member he is not allowed to join. If one man votes against a new member the case is sent to the KBI Agent who talkes with the member who voted against the applicant. If the KBI agrees with the dessenting member he notifiys the EC and the applicant is rejected.

He related that the Klavern at Bay Springs (Jasper County) Miss., has elected CHARLES HOLDER, Temporary EC, ~~xxxxxx~~ to replace GEORGE KNIGHT, who withdrew. This Klavern recently raised around \$400. for a family in Bay Springs that was burned out. They have several other worthwhile projects under consideration.

He informed that (FNU) BURKE, has replaced ~~xxxxxx~~ GLENN TULLOS as EC of the Klavern at Raleigh, Mississippi. TULLOS is now the investigator for the Klavern. He mentioned that this Klavern has over 100 members in the Raleigh area. There is another unit being formed at Mize and Taylorsville, Mississippi. These units do not have enough men for a full Klavern and do not have any charter.

Informant mentioed that about three weeks ago the Klavern at Raleigh had a project regarding a man (FNU) AINSWORTH who lives near Raleigh who was "beating his wife" on frequent occasions when he was drunk. They wanted to put "the strap" to him which was approved. He does not know if this project was ever carried out or not.

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He advised that during the past two weeks the negro help has walked out, from their employment, at the Alexander Hardware, Bayless Cafe, Pineview Lake Cafe and the ~~XXXX~~ Cool-dip Dairy Bar, in Bay Springs. The cafe is still closed but efforts are under way to secure personnel to reopen. He does not know what is behind this but he feels that the racial question maybe involved. There has been no "visible" evidence that the people are upset in any way.

Informant advised that he has heard from an unknown member of the Laurel Klavern, while attending a State Meeting, that a resolution was passed by the Laurel Klavern to "blow up" the Laurel Leader-Call but this resolution was not approved by the EC. He understands that the resolution was made by Patrolman EDDIE COWAN, MHP, ~~xxxxxxx~~ and after the explosion the EC called Patrolman COWAN early Sunday morning and asked him if he had taken it on himself to bomb the Leader-Call and COWAN told him he did not and did not know anything about the person who did cause the explosion.

He said that this person told him that the Laurel Klavern had called off the project regarding the Leader-Call and was concentrate on CLINTON CLARENCE COLLINS, SR., a negro, in Laurel. He does not know what type of investigation they are conducting regarding COLLINS.

Informant states that he has heard that Patrolman COWAN'S wife has been fired from several places because of her "Radical" attitude and "outspoken" views on local and other matters. She was at one time invited to speak to a club in Bay Springs but the members turned down the suggestion because of her attitude.

He heard that some action had been planned, by the local Klavern at Laurel, against someone that had fired Mrs. COWAN, in Laurel. He does not know just what company this might have been. He will advise of any additional information.

Informant states that WAX a negro by the name of BOBBY INGRAM had called a former Deputy Sheriff, WAITES McNEIL, Lounns Miss., on Sunday, June 14, 1964, and told him that the negroes were going to demonstrate in Bay Springs, Miss. on Monday, 6/15/64, and there was nothing no body could do about it. This negor appered to be drinking, from the tone of his voice. He is a shiftless "no good" person and hangs out with OTIS AND VIRGIL DWCKSWORTH. These persons have caused trouble in Jasper County in the past and if there are any demonstrations in the future he feels that ~~these~~ these person will be involved.

He also mentioned that ROBERT CHANDLER ALEXANDER, former Sheriff, Jasper County, had moved to Florida and was in the automobile business. Hewent broke and returned to Jackson, Mississippi where he organized a club "Truth Incorporated". He and his wife make numerous talks to youth clubs at churches and these talks are reported to be of a Communist Nature. ALEXANDER is now ~~fronting~~ working for the Borden Milk Company, in Meridian, Mississippi and is using this as a front to contact numerous youth organizations. Informant does not know anything about the "Truth Incopporated" club will furnish any additional information he might receive.

He described ALEXANDER as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	40 (Approx)
Height	5'7"
Weight	140
Complexion	Dark
Religion	Member Presbyterian (Makes talks at various Episcopal Churches)

Informant stated that the Klan is checking on a white, male using the name of RICHARD EUGEN WOOD, who attended Wheaton College, Ohio, and is living in or around Laurel, Miss. This individual is reported to be selling bibles and dictionaries to negro families in the vicinity of Laurel in Jones County.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1962) DATE : 7/10/64

FROM: SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER

SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU
KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past furnished on 6/27/64 a written report regarding a meeting of captioned organization held on 6/23/64 at Natchez, Mississippi. This report can be located in New Orleans file [redacted].

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[redacted]
1-157-1339
1-157-2151 (PAUL FOSTER)
1-157- (PAUL DE MARCO)
1-157-2157 (PETE TYER)
1-157- (W. W. CARNELL)
1-157-2277 (DAVID CARNELL)
1-157-2159 (ERNEST PARKER)
1-157- (JOE LEWIS)
1-157-2276 (SID HANEY, SR.)
1-157- (SHORTY BREELAND)
1-157-2303 (JOE PEOPLES)
1-157- (CHARLES SANDERS)
1-157- (CHARLES JAMES)
1-157- (JACK SEALE)
1-157- (FNU MURRAY)
1-157- (JOHN ANDREWS)
1-157-1340 (DOUGLAS BYRD)
1-157- (FNU DILLON)
1-157- (ROBERT MURRAY)
1-157- (JOHN WILLIAMS)

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NATCHEZ, MISS.
JUNE 23, 1964

MEETING HELD AT KLAN HDQS. ON THE MORGANTOWN ROAD ON THE ABOVE DATE AT 7:30 PM. THERE WERE APPROX. THIRTY MEN PRESENT AT THIS MEETING. THEY WERE AS FOLLOWS, PAUL FOSTER, PAUL DeMARCO. PETE TYER, JEFF LUKE, W.W. CARNELL, DAVID CARNELL, ERNEST PARKER, JOE LEWIS, SID HANEY SR., SHORTY BREELAND, JOE PEOPLES, CHARLES SANDERS, CHARLES JAMES, CECIL ROBERTS, JACK SEALE, ? MURRAY, JOHN ANDREWS, DOUGLAS BYRD, ? DILLON, ERNEST AVANTS, ROBERT MURRAY, JOHN WILLIAMS AND APPROX. EIGHT NAMES NOT KNOWN AT THIS TIME.

THERE WAS A HEATED DISCUSSION BETWEEN PAUL FOSTER, CHARLES JAMES AND A KLANSMAN, NAME NOT KNOWN OVER THE SPENDING OF THE KLAVERN MONEY. THERE WAS A MOTION MADE BY THIS MAN AND THE USUAL FOLLOWING INC. A VOTE TO AUTHORIZE ONLY ONE MAN TO SPEND KLAVERN FUNDS IN THE FUTURE. PAUL FOSTER AND CHARLES JAMES GAVE A ITEMIZED STATEMENT OF KLAN EXPENSES FOR THE MONTH. ~~\$\$\$~~ BLD. PYT. \$67.00, AIR CONDITION NOTE \$60.00 (APROX), UTILITIES \$20.00, STATIONARY AND SUPPLIES \$50.00. IT WAS BROUGHT OUT AT THIS TIME THAT THE DOWN PAYMENT OF \$300.00 HAD NOT BEEN REPAID TO TINY LEWIS. LEWIS ADVANCED THE MONEY TO MAKE THE DOWN PAYMENT. THE KLAVERN PAYS .65¢ PER MEMBER TO THE STATE HDQS. EVERY MONTH.

SEVEN SQUADS (GOON) WERE SET UP WITH A SGT. IN COMMAND OF EACH GROUP. THEY HOPE TO HAVE TWELVE BY THE FIRST OF JULY. IT WILL BE THE DUTY OF THESE GROUPS TO TAKE CARE OF ASSIGNMENTS HANDED THEM BY PAUL FOSTER. MORE INFO THIS MATTER AT A LATER DATE.

A NEW MEMBER WAS BROUGHT IN AT THIS MEETING, JOHN WILLIAMS A PAINTER BY TRADE.

A FIVE MAN ~~\$\$\$~~ COMMITTEE WAS ELECTED TO INVESTIGATE NEW MEMBERS BEFORE THEY ARE TAKEN IN. THEY WERE ? GRIFFIN, DOUG BYRD, FRANK GASTON, JOE PEOPLES AND NO. FIVE NAME NOT KNOWN.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1962)

DATE: 7/10/64

FROM : SA JOHN B. LEE, JR.

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SUBJECT: KLAN ACTIVITY, SIMPSON
COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
RM

On 6/29/64 [redacted] Mendenhall, Mississippi and [redacted] Jackson, Mississippi, telephonically advised that he had contacted JAMES DAVIS of Jackson in an attempt to join the Klan and that DAVIS referred him to an AL REEVES, Mississippi Ink Supply Company who is a contact man for the Klan in Hinds County.

[redacted] said that he was taking steps to join the Klan but would be away from Jackson until 7/3/64 at which time he would contact this agent.

[redacted] said he made inquiries of GEORGE PIERCE, Clinton, Mississippi, Patrolman, who resides at 400 N. Jefferson, Clinton (behind furniture store) about Klan activity in Clinton.

[redacted] said that PIERCE advised him that BILLY FASANO, also a Clinton Patrolman and J. P. MOORE, night marshal, Baton, Mississippi, are members of the Klan.

[redacted] said that he could not furnish any additional information at this time but would furnish the information as he receives it.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

A racial informant file will be opened on [redacted] at such time he is a member of the Klan and is able to furnish information regarding the Klan on a consistent basis.

It should be noted that [redacted] and therefore is not in a position to furnish information on a continuing basis and would not be readily available.

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(2 - 157-Klan Activity Simpson County, Mississippi)

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It is further suggested that efforts be made to contact GEORGE PIERCE, Clinton Patrolman, for any information he may be able to furnish regarding KKK activity.

It should also be noted that J. P. MOORE, night marshal, Balton, Mississippi, has been previously determined by another source to be a member of the Balton Klavern and that BILLY FASONO is a suspected member.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO SAC (157-2413)

DATE: 7/10/64

FROM SA WILLIAM F. DUKES

SUBJECT: INVESTIGATION OF KLAN & VIOLENCE
RM

AT GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI

[redacted] advised confidentially (Protect identity) on 7/9/64 that he was contacted at his office on 7/7/64 by an unknown white male, 60-65 years of age, medium build, about 145 pounds, who said he had been referred to [redacted] as an individual who could be discreet, and who was reliable and trustworthy. This individual then identified himself as a member of the "Ku Klux Klan", and unrolled a rolled up piece of newspaper which he had in his hand. He then exhibited to [redacted] a document about 17" X 22" in diameter, which had some kind of emblems and scroll-work thereon. The man identified the document as a Charger for KKKKKKKKK chapters of the Ku Klux Klan, and asked [redacted] what he would charge to print up 200 copies of the document. [redacted] advised his initial thought was to have nothing to do with it, so he made the man a price of \$200 for the job, which [redacted] said was exorbitantly high. The man said he thought it was a good price, but that "I'll have to clear it with BAILEY in Biloxi". The man then said he would recontact [redacted] in two weeks concerning the matter, and left, his mode of transportation being unknown.

[redacted] advised he had never seen the man before, but stated he is aware of the publicity received recently by one WALTER BAILEY at Biloxi, Mississippi, a self-styled leader of some kind of Ku Klux Klan organization. He advised that from what he has heard, BAILEY is some kind of eccentric or mental case. He advised that in the event the man with the charger comes back, he would attempt to get further identifying data, both as to the man, his car, and the charter. Further, he advised he would print up the charter, at an even more reasonable rate, if necessary, in order to make extra copies, which he stated he would furnish the FBI.

[redacted] advised he did not desire to do anything illegal, but stated that he would engage the man in conversation about the Klan, if he sees him again, and even consider the possibility of joining the organization in an effort to develop information about the organization for the Bureau. He advised he had no info whatever to the effect that there is any active Klan activity in the Gulfport, Mississippi area, or the Mississippi Gulf Coast generally, with the exception of BAILEY at Biloxi.

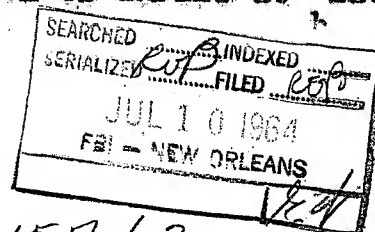
RECOMMENDATION: For info and file.

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[redacted] was shown a photograph of four men, including WALTER ANDERSON BAILEY (Subject of NO File 105-1114) and JOHN NEAFUS SWEARINGEN, SR., the latter from Long Beach, Mississippi. He advised that definitely none of these individuals were identifiable with the man who contacted him.

Note that SWEARINGEN was interviewed by SAS MAURICE J.

STACK, JR. and RAYMOND RALSTON at Long Beach, Mississippi on 7/6/64, the results reported in NO File 157-1962.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 7/10/64

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Mr. WALTER ANDERSON BAILEY, Apartment 2, 1200 West Beach, was interviewed after being informed of the identity of the interviewing agents, of the fact that he had a right to consult an attorney before making a statement, that he did not have to make a statement, and that any statement he made might be used against him in a court of law. No threats, promises, or offers of reward were made BAILEY, who advised at the outset of the interview that his Attorney had instructed him not to make any statement whatever concerning the Klan or his connection therewith.

Mr. BAILEY then stated that his organization has no connection whatever with the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, and that he knows nothing about the latter organization. He advised his organization plans to continue recruiting, and to hold rallies whenever they can obtain suitable facilities, adding that the organization is a law-abiding group which does not condone violence and that he would not even put up bail money if a member of his group got put in jail for violating the law. He advised he had no knowledge of Klan activity indicating a violation of Civil Rights, or concerning any plans by the Klan to hold public demonstrations of any kind.

Mr. BAILEY volunteered that his organization keeps no written records of membership or activities, but that he would not furnish this information to the FBI even if he had it. He advised he had no information concerning the whereabouts of the three missing Civil Rights workers at Philadelphia, Mississippi.

Mr. BAILEY advised he has not been in the North Gulfport, Mississippi, area for the past year and a half, and he is not acquainted with any taxi-cab drivers or owners there, and specifically is not acquainted with WILLIE PATTON. BAILEY emphatically denied he made any telephone calls to Mrs. WILLIE PATTON or to Pat's Cab Stand at Gulfport on June 29, 1964, and denied any knowledge of such calls.

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On 7/4/64 at Biloxi, Mississippi File # NO 157-2299; 157-1962
157-2394; 44-2227
by SAS WILLIAM F. DUKES & H. WARREN TOOL, JR./cay Date dictated 7/4/64

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